



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all!! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I am excited about starting a new year with lots of great things to look forward too! Firstly, can I extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families this term, we are very pleased to have you with us!

There's quite a bit of information here, so thank you for taking the time to read it.

Emergency Planning

As we continue to be alerted to high-risk illnesses it's very important that we remain vigilant in protecting spread of disease for the sake of each other. We understand that everyone is very busy, but if your child is not well enough to be in pre-school please keep them at home until they are well enough. A cold and runny nose is fine as long as the child is well in themselves and happy, but if they are not happy or have a temperature/sickness please don't give them medication and send them in. The children won't enjoy themselves and if they pass infections onto the adults there may come a time where we can't open to full capacity if everyone is ill. A reminder that children must remain absent for 48 hours following the last episode of sickness and diarrhoea.

Children over the age of 2 are eligible for their flu jabs this winter, if you've not yet had yours you can still book, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter or visit [Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) for more information.

In any event that pre-school needs to make emergency arrangements, our emergency planning policy will be followed, below is a link to this and all our policies on our website. [Blank Page | Aston Clinton Pre-School \(astonclintonpreschool.co.uk\)](#)

School Applications



If your child is due to start school in September 2023 the deadline for applying for your school place is 15th January 2023.

If you have not yet done so please visit [Apply for a primary school place | Buckinghamshire Council](#) as a priority. If you need assistance with applying for a school place in a different county or need some assistance with applying for the place online, please speak to me ASAP.

<p><u>Staff updates</u></p>	<p>We have recently recruited Jenny who is joining us 3 mornings a week. Jenny is currently unqualified but has a wealth of experience working as a nanny and in schools, she brings a high level of energy to pre-school and the children have all really taken to her!</p>
<p><u>Useful links for parents</u></p>	<p>In a world where technology is becoming so common place it's very important that we ensure children are taught how to use it safely and appropriately. Below are some useful resources for parents on how to keep your early years children safe online.</p> <p>Keeping children safe online - CBeebies - BBC Keeping your under 5 safe online (thinkuknow.co.uk)</p> <p>The NHS remains under great strain meaning that it is challenging for some families to locate NHS dentists. This is causing a significant increase in oral health issues in young children. Below is some useful information to support families in promoting good oral hygiene practice.</p> <p>a5 taking care dental leaflet.pdf (buckscc.gov.uk) EYs information guide for 3+ (buckscc.gov.uk)</p> <p>These links and others can be found on our website under parents information.</p>
<p><u>General Reminders</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Can I take this opportunity to remind you that we do go outside in all weather. Please ensure children come to pre-school with appropriate clothing that is clearly named. We have puddle suits for the children but due to being pack away we do not have storage for wellies. Please ensure children bring wellies with them every day, we always have water play available and it saves wet soggy shoes. Particularly at this time of year could you please ensure that children's hats and gloves are in there baskets in the morning so they can access them themselves. ➤ Our family wall has been a massive success and it's so lovely to watch the children stopping and taking time to look at different family pictures and talking to each other about their lives away from pre-school. If you've not yet done so, please bring in a 4x6" LANDSCAPE photo of them with their family that we can add to the wall. We do have children asking where their photos are so we've told them to ask parents when they get home if they can have one. ➤ All our policies are available on Tapestry and also in the waiting room at pre-school. They are also available on our website.

Please contribute to keep your pre-school going!

We continue to ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the costs of consumables such as craft materials and external activities, to prevent us from having to increase our fees and snack charges. We understand the cost of living crisis is having a big impact on everyone, we are working as hard as possible to ensure the future viability of pre-school. Please help us with this by continuing to contribute £10 per term or £30 per year directly to our bank account. Many thanks.

Santander Bank account
Account Number: 86392909
Sort code: 09-01-52



In an effort to help our deficit income, you can sign up to Amazon smile and the Giving machine so that every time you shop money is donated to the pre-school.



Amazon smile can be signed up online then added to your app here.
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

The Giving machine can be signed up for here and there are a huge number of online retailers taking part.
<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/aston-clinton-preschool/>

Pre-School Uniform



Our uniform supplier is PL Schoolwear based in Aylesbury. You can collect from here to save on delivery or delivery options are available. The link to our online shop is below.

<https://plschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/aston-clinton-preschool/>

Ad hoc session service

Generally, your child will attend our setting for fixed sessions, in the main utilising funded hours. As a working mum to two children, I am aware that sometimes the best laid plans don't always go the way we'd hoped. To that end I would like to offer an additional provision, whereby we can offer ad hoc sessions to cover any childcare issues you may stumble upon. I must stress that this will always be subject to existing ratios and staffing, but if we can help by having your child in session as a one off then we will. I must also make it clear that if you did want us to provide an additional ad hoc session that this would be chargeable and not covered by funding. Unfortunately, due to planning for staff ratios we are unable to swap sessions on a weekly basis, but you can add an extra session. If ever you're stuck either with advance notice or last minute, please always get in touch to ask as we will do our best to accommodate.

<p><u>Can you help?</u></p>	<p>As you are aware our pre-school is a charity which is run by a parent voluntary committee. We have rules that we have to abide by set by the charity commission that we are registered with. We are urgently seeking parents or grandparents to join our fundraising team. Fundraising is an important part of our income with the funding deficit and provides new opportunities and resources for the children. We meet roughly once a month and have a friendly team working together to support the pre-school and the children. If you can spare some time no matter how much, please do have a chat with me so I can tell you a little more about it!</p>
<p><u>New Parents Information Evening</u></p>	<p>On 21st September, I would like to invite all our new parents and anyone that hasn't made a meeting previously to attend an online information evening. It will be held over Microsoft Teams, and I will aim to begin around 7.30. It won't last more than an hour but is a chance for you to be introduced to the Early Years Statutory Framework and receive an explanation about what we do, what you can expect to see and how you can contribute to the successful learning and development of your child in preparation for school.</p> <p>Please follow the link below to access the meeting:</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Learn more Meeting options</p>
<p><u>Parents stay and play sessions</u></p>	<p>We would like to invite parents of children that are attending pre-school to stay and play from 9am until 9.30am on the following dates this term:</p> <p>Wednesday 1st February 2023 Friday 24th March 2023.</p> <p>These are a lovely opportunity to come in and let your child show you their world for little while. If your child does not attend either of these sessions, please don't worry we will make sure we include them in the next one.</p>
	<p>We have lots of different ways for you to get in touch with us.</p> <p>Our mobile number is: 07928309321</p> <p>My email address is acpsmanagement@gmail.com I am contactable on this during pre-school hours.</p>

Pam's email address for placements is acpreschoolplacements@gmail.com

Our Chairperson Jo's email address is acpscommittee@gmail.com

Notifying absence - The preferred method of absence notification is texting the pre-school number. Please let us know on the child's first day of absence and let us know the reason. We will not respond to absence notifications but will mark these in the register. Our sickness policy details exclusion periods for various illnesses, but a reminder that with common sickness and diarrhoea illnesses, children must remain absent for 48 hours following the last episode of illness.



Aston Clinton Pre-School is on Facebook and Instagram!

These are useful ways of communicating with you on a regular basis regarding updates and notices that need to be given out! We also share things that we are doing and other relevant information you might find useful! Please follow both the pages!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/AstonClintonEarlyYears>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/preschoolastonclinton/>

We have a brand-new website which is packed full of information!

<http://www.astonclintonpreschool.co.uk/>

Pre-school Checklist

Going to Pre-school I need to pack everyday:

Change of clothes that are season appropriate and fit me, including pants and socks.

Nappies, nappy sacks and wipes (where needed)

Wellies

Lunch box (where needed)

Comforter from home

Raincoat/hat and gloves/sun hat/sun cream (depending on the weather)

As a one off a 6x4" LANDSCAPE picture of me and my family

Diary Dates



Monday 9 th January 9am	Pre-school opens
Tuesday 17 th January	Jo Jingles (for those in session only)
Wednesday 25 th January 7pm	New parents information evening
Wednesday 1 st February 9-9.30am	Parents stay and play
Wednesday 8 th February	Jo Jingles (for those in session only)
Friday 10 th February 2.45pm	Pre-school closes
Monday 20 th February 9am	Pre-school opens.
Tuesday 7 th March	Jo Jingles (for those in session only)
Friday 24 th March 9- 9.30am	Parents stay and play
Wednesday 29 th March	Jo Jingles (for those in session only)
Friday 31 st March 12pm	Pre-school closes
Monday 17 th April 9am	Pre-school opens
Friday 26 th May 2.45pm	Pre-school closes
Tuesday 6 th June 9am	Pre-school opens
Wednesday 19 th July 2.45pm	Pre-school closes
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers party for school leavers only, details TBC.

And Finally.....

As always my door is open. If you ever need to talk to me about anything at all, I will ensure we find a time to meet. We appreciate constructive feedback at all times to continuously aid us in our aim to provide outstanding early years provision.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Trustram
Manager

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu  **mmunisation**

Helping to protect children, every winter