



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term! I hope you have all had a wonderful break over Easter, I'm hopeful we can start to look forward to some warmer weather on the horizon. I cannot believe we are already entering the last term of the academic year and I would like to extend a warm welcome to some new children joining us - we are pleased to have you with us!

I would like to take a moment to thank my team for their ongoing hard work and dedication. They continue to work hard to support your children. I continue to be grateful for their commitment to the pre-school and to your children.

Other than the newsletter, I try to make the majority of communications through Tapestry and Whatsapp. Please ensure you have set the Tapestry up to send push notifications to your device, so you don't miss announcements. I can provide you with instructions if you are unsure how to do this. All important messages will go onto Tapestry and Whatsapp.

Committee:



I hope you are aware that we are run by a voluntary parent committee. No committee, no pre-school.


As we approach the end of the academic year and we say goodbye to one cohort of children, we also say goodbye to their parents who have worked with us to support the pre-school.



It's always a tricky transition as we require a specific number of committee members to remain registered with the charity commission and enable us to stay open providing support to children and families.




The committee consists of a chairperson, a secretary, a treasurer and fundraisers. We all work together as a team to ensure there is not a heavy workload on any person that is taking on a voluntary role.

We really do need you to ensure the future sustainability of the pre-school. Please if you are able to donate even a small amount of time we need to hear from you.

Thank you so much in advance.

<p>Coronation</p> 	<p>On Saturday 6th May we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles. For almost everyone this is something we've never seen before and a significant moment in history.</p> <p>To celebrate we will be doing activities on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and talking to the children about the coronation. We plan to write a letter congratulating King Charles and we are having a mini 'street party' on Friday.</p> <p>Village Life Magazine have contacted us to ask for a short piece about our celebrations, we will include a few photo's of the street party (with parents permission) and a copy of our letter to the king.</p>
<p>Illness Policy</p>	<p>We follow guidance from UK Health Security Agency with regards to children not attending pre-school due to illness. At the end of this letter there is a poster with information for you regarding exclusion periods for different illnesses.</p> <p>Please ensure children do not come into pre-school having had paracetamol or nurofen. We do have a duty to protect all children and adults in our setting, so children must only attend if they are well enough to do so.</p>
<p><u>General Reminders</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We 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. ➤ Our family wall is growing and growing, 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.
<p>Cost of Early Years</p>	<p>The cost of Early years education is well documented in the media at the moment. We have one of the most expensive provisions in the world in the world and often these costs are passed directly onto parents.</p> <p>To be frank the reason for this is that early years is significantly underfunded with fuding rates well below the cost to provide quality care for your children.</p> <p>We are a not for profit charity and we therefore are never looking to make a profit, we only ever need to break even. This includes costs such as the hall, equipment, resources and most importantly quality staff.</p> <p>We have worked so hard to ensure costs are not passed onto our familys where possible, we offer fully funded places with no limitations to use and no additional costs for lunch club etc. We have recently made the difficult decsion to start charging 50p per day for snack and we also ask for a</p>

	<p>voluntary payment of £10 per term to go towards the costs of the extras we provide such as Jo Jingles.</p> <p>Please make your payment using your child's name as reference with the word donation to: Santander Bank account Account Number: 86392909 Sort code: 09-01-52</p> <p>You can pay £10 per term or £30 for the year. Thank you in advance for your support.</p>
<p><u>Pre-School Uniform</u></p> 	<p>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://plschoollwear.co.uk/product-category/aston-clinton-pre-school/</p>
<p><u>Photographer</u></p> 	<p>We have a photographer coming into pre-school on Monday 12th June. She will be taking individual pictures as well as a group photo of our school leavers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child is going to school but does not attend a Monday, please bring them to pre-school at 9.30 to take the group picture, followed by their individual photo. • If your child is not going to school and doesn't attend a Monday, but you would like an individual picture, please ask for a time slot so we can allocate you one.
<p><u>Ad hoc session service</u></p>	<p>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>
<p><u>New Parents Information Evening</u></p>	<p>On Monday 8th May, 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>https://teams.live.com/join/9495302870248</p>
<p><u>Parents Evening</u></p>	<p>We will be holding our parents evening face to face on Wednesday 28th June from 7pm. Appointments will be scheduled nearer the time, but we hope everyone can make it along to talk to their child's keyworker.</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>Friday 5th May Monday 19th June</p> <p>These are a lovely opportunity to come in and let your child show you their world for a 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><u>Events this term</u></p> 	<p>We have arranged a pre-school trip for all children to Hogshaw Farm and Wildlife Park on Friday 26th May. This trip will be funded by pre-school, however we will need to ask for parent volunteers to be able to run the trip safely. We will also need to ask parents to drop their children at Hogshaw Farm at 10am and collect at 2pm. If you are going to struggle to get children there, please see if there are parents driving that you are able to lift share with, if there is no other option, transportation may be able to be arranged.</p> <p>To help us start planning this I'd be grateful if you could return the following survey:</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C6VRBYZ</p>
	<p>As we are entering our final term, it seems appropriate to remind everyone that our last session of the year is Wednesday 19th July. We will be holding a leavers party the morning of Thursday 20th July. This will be for the children going to school this year only and details will be sent out nearer the time.</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> <p>Pam's email address for placements is acpreschoolplacements@gmail.com</p> <p>Our Chairperson Jo's email address is acpscommittee@gmail.com</p> <p>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</p>

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/>
 Our website is also a hub of information with important dates and documents that you may find useful! <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)

Water bottle containing water

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

Summer term Diary Dates



Monday 17 th April	Pre-school opens
Friday 5 th May	Parents stay and Play session 9-9.30am
Monday 8 th May 7.30pm.	New parents information evening (Online)
Friday 26 th May	Pre-school Trip
Friday 26 th May	Pre-school Closes
Tuesday 5 th June	Pre-school opens
Monday 12 th June	Photographer
Wednesday 28 th June	Parents evening

	Monday 19 th June	Parent's stay and play session
	Wednesday 19 th July	Pre-school Closes
	Thursday 20 th July	Pre-school leavers party for school leavers only.
<u>And Finally.....</u>	<p>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, this term is always the busiest with so much to fit in, but we are looking forward to lots of exciting activities ahead.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Charlotte Trustram Manager</p>	

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Term date 2023/2024

	Pre-school opens	Pre-school closes
Autumn Term	Tuesday 5 th September 9.00am	Friday 20 th October 2.45pm
	Monday 30 th October 9.00am	Friday 15 th December*
Spring term	Monday 8 th January 9.00am	Friday 9 th February 2.45pm
	Monday 19 th February 9.00am	Thursday 28 th <u>March 12pm</u>
Summer term	Monday 15 th April 9.00am	Friday 24 th May 2.45pm
	Monday 3 rd June	Friday 19 th July**

Inset Days

Monday 27th November

*Friday 15th December - Christmas party for all, no normal session details to follow nearer the time.

Thursday 18th July last normal session. Friday 19th July Leavers party for **school leavers only details to follow nearer the time.