



Autumn Newsletter 2011

**A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OUR
NEW CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES!**

Theme for the Autumn Term:

**All About me
And
Festivals**

We've already talked about our families, created self portraits and made pizza faces this term!



Next week: if you have a spare toothbrush please could you bring it in as we will be learning about looking after our bodies - health and hygiene.

We really welcome parental input and ideas and if you would like to share an activity, idea or suggestion to fit our themes, please talk to your Keyworker or to any member of Staff. In particular, we are looking for a doctor or nurse to come in to talk to the children...any volunteers let us know!

Thank you so much to all those who helped and supported us last term!

BLUE BOOKS

You may have already noticed that a blue book has appeared in your child's tray. This

is your child's special book which you can take home and fill with special things they have been doing at home which extends the home learning experience.

PADDINGTON BEAR

Some of you may have already had the privilege of taking Paddington bear home. This is another home/Pre-School link, and children love to take photos, draw pictures of what they have been doing with Paddington and mums/dads write about the adventures they have had with Paddington.

KEYWORKER MEETINGS

You should have now been allocated a keyworker for your child - please ask a member of staff if you do not know who it is. We will have our first keyworker and parent meeting on the week beginning 14th November 2011 where you can talk to your child's keyworker about your child's progress and set targets for the term.

TERM DATES:

Our last day of the Autumn Term is:
Friday 16th December

with Half Term

Friday October 21st ~ 28th inclusive

Please note that Friday 21st October is a non-pupil day and the Pre-School will be closed.

The new Pre-School year starts on
Wednesday 4th January 2011.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest will be coming into Pre-School on Tuesday 8th November from 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome, ask Tina Red for a time slot. The perfect Christmas present!



CLOTHING

Please can you check that your children's bags are well stocked with spare clothes; and if you have any of the Pre-School clothes at home, we'd be grateful to have them back, please!

With winter fast approaching, please ensure children have adequate clothing including coats and waterproofs. We are also looking for spare wellies - if you have any old ones at home we would be very grateful for them!

Remember we also have a Pre-School uniform available. Sweatshirts are £12.50; T-Shirts £5.50 and hats £4.50.

Can we also put in a request that treasured toys are left at home/stay in bags at the start of the day in the instance of losing them.

SCHOOLS OUT @ CHAGFORD

Please note that we are offering holiday club from the Monday 24th- Wednesday 26th October from 9.00am to 5.00pm, for children aged 3 - 11. The theme will be "Spooky October Holiday Club". Snacks & Drinks will be available and children are invited to bring a packed lunch. To book your place, please see a member of staff at the Pre-School.

Please also remember that we offer Breakfast Club and After School Club in term-time from 8.00am-9.00am and 3.30pm- 6.00pm (Mon, Tues and Fri only), again for 3-11 year olds. This can be booked at last minute and is very flexible.



STAFF NEWS

We have two new members of our team this term. Bryony who helps us with our new breakfast and afterschool club; and Kim who is a student from Duchy College completing her Level 3 in Early Years.



Bryony



Kim

CHRISTMAS

Before I end, we provisionally hope to have a Christmas party and songs on Wednesday 14th December - look out for information nearer the time!

Have a great term everyone!

The Big Oak Pre-School Team ☺