

FAMILY NEWS

October 2021



I hope you are all well and enjoying the start of Autumn! The children have been spending lots of time in the garden and the woods exploring the change of season and discovering lots of bugs and even looking for the Gruffalo!

With this in mind, please ensure your child has a nice warm, waterproof coat and some waterproof trousers. We have lots of welly boots here but if you would prefer to supply your own, please do. These can be left at pre-school.

As always, I would like to remind you to reconfirm your 30 hours Free Entitlement eligibility every 3 months and apply for your 30 hours Free Entitlement if your child turned 3 between 01/09/2021 and 31/12/21.

The children have been exploring lots of loose parts play. This means we have been playing with natural resources that are 'free and found'. The children love to build and create with stones, logs, wooden curtain rings, cotton reels, corks etc. Do you have anything we could use at home? Large wooden/scaffold planks would be fantastic for developing our gross motor skills in the garden whilst nurturing our creative skills too.





I hope you have now all been able to access EYLog, if you are having any problems, please let me know as soon as possible.

Here at Southwater Preschool we love to meet new people and learn about different jobs, skills and hobbies. If you have an exciting profession, love to craft or decorate cakes we would love to spend time with you in the preschool. Let us know if you would be interested in joining us.

Don't forget we offer hot lunches. Please speak to Emily or Cheryl to order these for your child.

Please remember that as per our nursery policies and procedures, children cannot attend preschool if they have had paracetamol or ibuprofen before coming in.

Children who have a continuous cough, a high temperature or change to taste or smell will be asked to go for a PCR test and cannot return to nursery until they have a negative result. Please be aware that lateral flow tests cannot be accepted.

We have created a Nature Garden in our nursery playground. The children have planted some herbs and flowers as well as used magnifying glasses and binoculars to look for insects and birds. Next week we will be planting our daffodil bulbs. Maybe you could do some planting at home?

We look forward to lots more fun and excitement in the coming weeks.

Kind regards and best wishes,

**Emily, Cheryl and the
Southwater Pre-school Team**

Dates for your diary:

W/C 4th October

Community Week

We will be celebrating important people in our local community and will have some special visitors to the nursery.

Monday 11th October

Nursery Photographer

Please see previous email and ensure children have a change of clothes and a hairbrush in their bag. All families are welcome from 3:30pm onwards for their photo if they are not attending nursery this day.

Monday 18th October

Southwater library outing

Details TBC.

Tuesday 19th October

Autumn Craft Afternoon

Please join us after school for an afternoon of Seasonal Crafts and refreshments.

Friday 22nd October

Optional Halloween dressing up day

Please do not bring weapons or very scary masks.

Friday 22nd October

End of term

Monday 1st November

Inset day

Preschool is closed.

Tuesday 2nd November

First day back to Pre-school

Saturday 4th December

Christmas fayre

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