CHERITON BISHOP PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1st HALF SPRING TERM 2026



Hope you've all had happy and healthy Christmas and New Year celebrations. From Tuesday 6th January we will be welcoming some new starters as well as settling our existing preschool children back into our Preschool daily routines.

Our planning alongside the reception class has been working really well and will continue in two weekly blocks through next half term. With some of the daily provision being based around the following topic books -

Week 1 & 2 – 'No-Bot the Robot' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet

Week 3 & 4 – 'Where to Hide a Star' by Oliver Jeffers

Week 5 & 6 – 'Dragon Post' by Emma Yarlett

As always, we will continue to encourage play based around the children's interests.

<u>'TAPESTRY'</u> Don't forget to take a regular look at your child's Tapestry account – you will be able to keep up to date with the things that your child has been up to during sessions. If you get the chance, this is also a great opportunity for you to share with us what your child has been doing at home, perhaps you might like to post a picture of a model that your child has made, or their favourite toy for discussion during circle time.

'WOW' SLIPS- You are encouraged to fill in a slip & pass to a member of staff anytime your child has achieved something special, this may be sleeping through the night, using the toilet etc. Their achievement will then be shared with their friends & a 'wow' sticker given out & the slip added to our display. Alternatively post on Tapestry & a staff member will transfer the 'wow' on to a slip for the board. Its's always great to celebrate achievements no matter how small!

<u>PACKED LUNCHES</u> – Please consider the containers that you send your child's food in for their packed lunches. Ideally these will be easy to open, which encourages your child's independence. Staff always support the children at lunchtime, but it's always good for the children to be able to manage their food independently. Please also make sure that all containers, bottles etc are named.

<u>CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS</u> – please ensure that your child's details; contact numbers, address etc are kept up to date. Please speak to a member of staff to check and update. *Please also complete your child's 'All about me' section on their Tapestry account if you haven't already done so. If you are having problems accessing this, we can let you have a paper copy to complete.

OUR LENDING BOOKS & TOY SACKS CONTINUE! It's been great to see how many children have been taking home our lending books and toy sacks. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to take home a toy sack. Books will be sent home as soon as the previous one has been returned.

<u>SCHOOL DINNERS</u>—Please note we are a nut free school! Please do not send your child in with anything containing nuts. We will continue to offer the option of ordering a cooked school dinner for your child. Orders need to be paid for online by the end of Wednesday evening for the following week.

ABSENCE FROM PRESCHOOL- If your child is absent from Preschool, please ring on the number below or email Megan in the office - admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy If we do not hear from you a staff member will make a call to check in with you. Please also remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea you have to keep your child at home for a clear 48 hours after the last bout of illness before they can return to Preschool.

*Please speak to us if you have any suggestions, comments or concerns regarding Preschool. Contact numbers - Pre-school landline – 24314 (Pre-school hours only)