



Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello again and welcome back (or welcome to) a new term with Pre-school. It is lovely to be back with all our children, safe, healthy and happy; with things almost getting back to normal. We are very proud of how well our children have returned to us and how our new children have settled in. We are sure that they will help us in giving a warm welcome to our new children who will be starting during the week after our Easter break.

We would like to welcome Mrs Julie Davis to our team; we are delighted that she is joining us for the afternoons. She has been working in School throughout the year groups, supporting with 1:1 SEND children and also has spent a few years working within Early Years in our Reception class with all the children, and comes with a wealth of experience.

This term's topic theme leaflet is available on our website; we have planned for some wonderful moments as we help the children to learn about things that happen and live 'Under the Sea' and then taking that into the second half of the term with 'Holidays'. Whilst we cannot, at the current time, invite you into Pre-School, if you have any resources that you think would be good to support the children's learning, please get in touch with us either by email (preschool@heathwood.beds.sch.uk) or telephone. Whilst we do plan via a topic theme, we also plan very much on a day to day basis and respond to the children's needs and interests, which can often take us on an interesting journey!

Wow Board

Well done to those parents who have sent in a petal for their child ... please do continue, or start, to share your child's achievements with us in this way; you can help your child's flower to bloom and grow. Achievements can be anything from self-care, confidence, friendships, kindness as well as showing interest in counting, shapes, stories and finding things out. We will continue to have petals available for you by the Pre-School entrance, and this term's colour is yellow. Please ask if you are not sure about what to put on the leaf or simply share with us what your child has done or achieved and we can then celebrate with them and write the petal to add to their flower.

Hydration

Please remember that we do like to encourage your child/ren to drink during the day, but that bottles for refreshment should only contain **water** and not juice, as this observes school policy and is the healthier option. Also could we please remind you to name their water bottle (there are just a few that keep us guessing!)



Family Photographs

We will continue to try to update our family photo board and we need your help for this. If you haven't already done so, please send in an up to date photo of your child with their close family members. The children really enjoy finding out about each other's family members as well as talking about their own; we often find them at the board sharing things that have happened in their homes, as well as talking about how they have changed.

Summer is here!

As the better weather begins (we hope!), please remember to send your child/ren in with their own named sunhat and remember to apply sun protection on them. If possible we do like to recommend using the 'once a day' sun protection for children.

Obviously, as we are here in England, please also remember to pack a light coat on those hot days as we can never guarantee that it won't rain and we do like to get outside to play and learn as much as possible.

Session Timings

Just as a reminder, during these Covid times, our sessions are currently running from 8.55 in the morning until 3.15 p.m.

Collection time following the morning session is anytime from 11.50 and children should be collected by 11.55 in order to allow for our 'all day' children to be seated for lunch and us to be able to supervise and organise the morning children's collection.

The afternoon session commences from 12.15 in order to allow for collection of the children from 3.10, as we need the setting clear at 3.15 in order to allow for cleaning of the environment and the resources. We really appreciate your help with this, as we cannot begin cleaning until all the children have left the premises.

Many thanks and enjoy the term!

Mrs Elaine Dicocco and the Pre-School Team