

# Broad Town Pre-School September 202 Newsletter

## A MASSIVE THANK YOU FROM JENNIE AND ALL THE STAFF...

We would like to say thank you for all our wonderful gifts and cards we received at the end of last term. It really does mean so much to us!

Also thank you to our wonderful Committee and volunteer parents who came in over the holidays to do the odd jobs that were needed. Pre-School does look amazing!



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We hope that, **George & Henry, Jamie, Tara, Lily, Ineke & Leo** all enjoyed their birthdays which fell sometime during the summer holidays. Happy Birthday to **Ginny, Beau, Jacey & Jorja** who will all be celebrating their birthdays in September



## OUR NEW 'NORMAL'

We have a Teacher Training day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, so will be welcoming children back from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am.

We go into the new Academic Year with the threat of Covid-19 still being transmitted in the community.

We continue to follow Government Guidelines on how best to minimize the risk of infection.

Latest Guidelines effective from mid August – Children under 5 years old who are identified as a close contact of a positive case of Covid-19 will no longer be required to isolate unless the positive case is within their household. Children should NOT attend Pre-School and are advised to take a PCR test if there is a positive case within their household and stay at home whilst awaiting the result.

The latest Government Guidelines can be found by visiting [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

**FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WE WILL ASK PARENTS TO CONTINUE WEARING A MASK AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF AND ALSO BE MINDFUL OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THESE TIMES**

**We will permit parents to stay to help settle their child (particularly new starters). They will be asked to wear a mask for the duration. Sanitizer will also be available for parents entering the building.**

We still ask that only one adult drops off or picks up. This will also help with minimizing the risk to everyone.

If your child falls ill while in our care, e.g cough, runny nose, sickness or temperature, we will call you to collect your child as soon as you can. He/she will be separated from the rest of the children and isolated with a staff member and the relevant procedures implemented (if deemed necessary the staff member will wear PPE) until you arrive to collect your child. You must then arrange for a test by either visiting [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or by calling 119.

Once you have received the results, please ensure that you inform us immediately, even if the result is negative.

Our thorough cleaning regime continues with children being prompted to wash their hands on arrival and periodically throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will always be available to staff and children.

## IS YOUR CHILD APPROPRIATELY DRESSED FOR FUN AT PRE-SCHOOL???

Our aim at Pre-School is to encourage your child to be as independent as possible, especially with **coats and shoes.**

We kindly ask you not to send your child in with shoes with laces as it is extremely difficult for the children to take them off and do them up independently without the assistance of a staff member

## NEW STARTERS

We are required by law to have sight of each child's birth certificate when they enroll with us.

All parents of new starters please ensure that you bring with you your child's birth certificate on their first day so that we can record we have seen it on their record.

## OUR THEME FOR THIS TERM – Please provide us with a photo!

We use themes to base our learning and activities around. Usually the theme changes weekly/fortnightly but this year we wanted to spend more time getting to know our new children and being mindful of everyone's insecurities or concerns having been through some unprecedented times which could have affected us all in more ways than one.

Our theme this term will be focused around '**All ABOUT ME**'

We have created a lovely wall board which we would very much like to use to display recent photos of all our children.

Jennie has asked that **within the first fortnight of the start of term** each child could bring into Pre-School a photo which can be displayed on our wall board.

It could be a family pic or a photo of them doing something fab in the holidays. With their pet or favourite toy.

All photos will be returned to you at a later date.

## SNACK TIME

To limit the threat of cross contamination we no longer provide snacks.

We ask that you provide your child with 1 healthy snack per session (if they are in all day, they will need 2 snacks) Please ensure their containers are clearly labelled.

We have a child attending on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays who has an allergy to cashew nuts – **PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH SNACKS CONTAINING NUTS ON THESE DAYS.**

We will still be providing milk & water which the children will be pouring themselves independently and will ensure that snack time is still an enjoyable social time for them all.



## FACEBOOK GROUP

If you are a Facebook user and would like to get the latest updates on all things Broad Town Pre-School, please join our closed group for parents and carers

Please search Broad Town Pre-School and request to be added to the group

 Find us on Facebook

### **FOREST SCHOOL DAYS**

Our Forest school sessions rotate throughout the year to ensure that every child has the opportunity to enjoy fun in our wonderful outside classroom.

This term forest school will take place on Monday & Wednesday mornings.

If your child attends on either, or both of these days, please ensure they come to Pre-School appropriately dressed for their time in the forest.

Long sleeved trousers and tops are a must with a warm coat and sensible shoes please – Wellies will be provided, but if you prefer, you can bring in your own labelled wellies.

### **NAMES ON CLOTHING, ETC.**

**Please ensure that your child's belongings - clothing, including coat, footwear, etc. and water bottles are clearly named –**

This makes it easier to reunite children with their items and helps to prevent things from going missing.

### **UNIFORM ORDERS & SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

**If you placed an order for uniform, it will now be at Pre-school ready for you to collect on our Teacher Training day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept or on your child's first day.**

We do have some previously owned T-shirts & Jumpers for sale that have kindly been given to us by our last term leavers.

They are for sale for £1 an item. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to take a look.

**Please be aware that by using**

**[www.MyNameTags.com](http://www.MyNameTags.com) and quoting our pre-school ID number (42156) when ordering name tags and labels, you will be directly benefiting the pre-school.**

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