



16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

# Dates for your Diary



## Term 3

Start –  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Finish –  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

## Term 4

Start –  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Finish –  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

## Term 5

Start –  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Finish –  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

## Term 6

Start –  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Finish –  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
**at Paulton Rovers**  
**7.30pm for 8.00pm start**

Teams of up to 6 - £12 a team



There will also be a raffle on the night.

Raising money for Acorn Pre-School.



## **Pre-School Sessions and Funding**

If you require any extra days for your child please see Joy or Abbé.

Every child will be eligible for funding from the start of the term following their third birthday (terms are split into the traditional three academic periods – September to December, January to March and April to August). The funding entitles you to 5 x 3 hour sessions per week, 15 hours in total. These ‘free’ places are allocated through BANES and cover 38 weeks of the academic year.

## **Updating Registration Forms**

Can you please ensure that you speak to Joy and update your registration forms that you filled out when your child first started at the setting. This is to ensure that the contact telephone numbers, addresses etc. are up-to-date, as well as medical information. This is extremely important!

## **Reminders**

### **Cold weather clothes / wellies**

Please can you ensure that you send your child with a named coat / hat and wellies, to enable them to access outside play and exploration over the next few weeks.

Also, warm clothing (i.e. cardigan / jumper) should be provided as even if your child chooses not to play outside, it can get cold whilst we are offering free-flow inside / outside play opportunities.



### **Water bottles**

Thank you for sending your child in with a named water bottle. Can I please emphasise WATER should be provided, and not juice / squash. This is because:

- This is what the children will need to get use to for when they go to school.
- There has been a large increase in tooth decay in young people.

Therefore WATER is the preferred option, any bottles found to be containing squash / juice will be removed to the drinks tray and given back to the child at the end of the session. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## **Theme**

This term's theme will be penguins and winter. Winter is a theme where we can offer a variety of activities, looking at the weather, not only rain and wind, but ice and maybe even snow! We will be going on a winter walk where we can observe the environment and discuss the changes they see in nature. Also songs/ rhymes, sharing of stories, arts / crafts and a few melting experiments for our young scientists to name a few!

## **Wow! Moments**

Can you think of any 'wow' moments about anything you and / or your child would like to share with us:

For example:

- ✓ Any new achievement at home, such as:
  - Used the potty / toilet for the first time
  - Pedalled a bike
  - Dressed themselves etc
- ✓ If you enjoyed a day out
  - Zoo
  - Park
  - Cinema
  - Shopping etc
- ✓ Literally anything you would like to share with us



You can do this at the start / end of the session, by talking to your child's keyperson and this information will be placed within their learning journals. These journals (observational files) are available for you to look at whenever you would like to see them to share with your child, and also their keyperson – at which time we would appreciate it if you could sign / date and write a comment.

This will help us to build a wider knowledge of your child's current interests / like / fascinations etc and enable us to plan learning experiences based on these. As parent / carers are the child's first main educator, it is essential that we work together to ensure that your child's needs are met at the pre-school to give them the very best start.

## **Acorn Online**

For all the latest information on the pre-school you can visit:

- Our website:  
<http://www.acornpreschool.co.uk> ,
- Like and view our Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/AcornPreSchool.Paulton>

Thanks

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