



February 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

Term Dates



Key Dates

Term 3

Start –
Wednesday 2nd January
Finish –
Thursday 8th February

Term 4

Start –
Monday 19th February
Finish –
Thursday 22nd March

Term 5

Start –
Monday 9th April
Finish –
Thursday 24th May

Quiz Night

(at Paulton Rovers)
Friday 2nd March – 7:30pm

Easter Hat Parade

Tuesday 20th March –
11.00am – Photo
11.15am – Parade starts

Bank Holiday

(Pre-school closed)
Monday 7th May

Quiz Night

We are holding another Quiz Night at Paulton Rovers on Friday 2nd March. This is back by popular demand, following the success of our previous events, where fun was had by all.

Please can you see Joy if you wish to book a table for the quiz night (teams of up to 6 - £15 a team), to enable us to gauge how many people will be there to support us. Or alternatively you are welcome to just turn up on the night.

We also need raffle prize donations ASAP this week, e.g. chocs, wine etc.

It is very important that we have your backing at these fundraising events, to enable us to raise valuable funds to ensure that we continually are able to purchase new resources and equipment to allow your children to have the best possible experiences whilst they are with us!

Emergency Contact Details / Collection of Children

Please can you make sure that you update your emergency contact details ASAP, if you should change your mobile phone, address etc, to ensure that we can get hold of you – should your child become unwell whilst with us.



Please can I remind you that if you would like somebody else to pick up / you are unable to collect your child for whatever reason, we will need to be informed, by yourself, before the end of the session.

We will require a password which you have agreed with the adult who you wish us to release your child into their care. This is for safety reasons. We will also require them to sign and date our collection book. We will then only allow the child to leave, following authorisation from the leader / deputy leader, as the child's safety is paramount.

Absence / Sickness

Please can I remind you that if your child is going to be absent from the Pre-School, you need to inform us of this and their reason for absence. Failure to do this will result in your child being marked down as an unauthorised absence in the register.

Acorn Online



- Just a reminder that you can view information, pictures, recent letters etc via our website at <http://www.acornpreschool.co.uk/>
- Can I ask all parent /carers to like our Facebook page for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/AcornPreSchool.Paulton/>

Easter Hat Parade

Acorn Pre-School's annual Easter Hat Parade is going to be held on Tuesday 20th March, FOR ALL CHILDREN.

The parade will be starting at 11.15am. All parents to join their children at this time to watch the parade and after we will be holding the Easter Raffle. If your child doesn't come on this day, please can you bring them at 11.00am so that they can join in.



We hope that you all have fun making your hats alongside the children at home. Everyone at Acorn looks forward to seeing all of your wonderful creations. On the day there will be a prize for the girls and one for the boys.

Easter Raffle

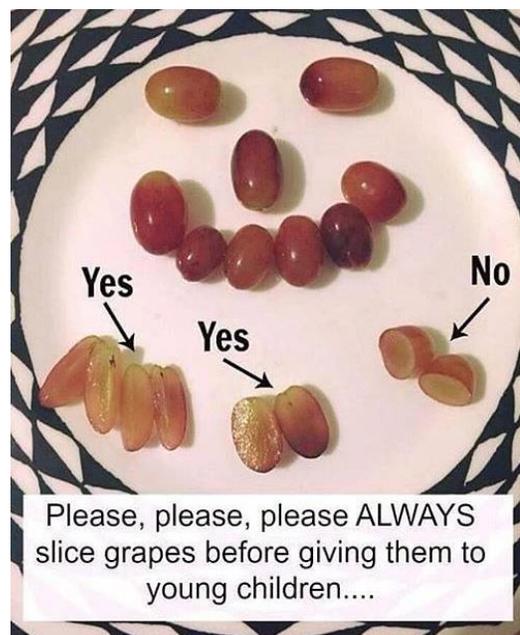
Please can all parent / carers bring in a donation for the raffle. This will be very much appreciated and will help us to raise much-needed funds for the pre-school, to enable us to purchase new toys and equipment for your children.



Reminder to Parents

Choking Hazard

Please can I remind parent / carers that when providing lunch for your children in their lunchboxes, that grapes, cocktail sausages etc. are cut up to avoid the chance of choking.



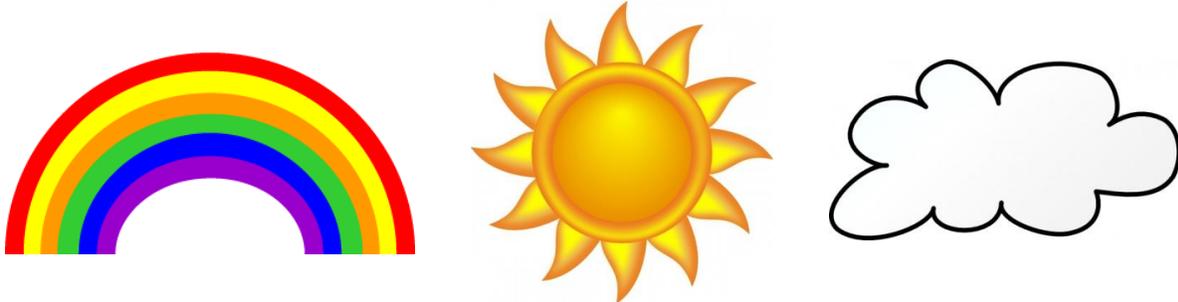
Please, please, please ALWAYS slice grapes before giving them to young children....

Golden Rules

We have been reminding the children of our 'Golden Rules'.

- ✓ Share and take turns.
- ✓ Kind hands.
- ✓ Look after our toys, equipment and books.
- ✓ No running.

Alongside these rules, we encourage the children to be polite and helpful. To reinforce these we have our visual behaviour chart. This takes the form of:



The sun – all children commence on here at the start of each session and can move frequently above to the rainbow as a 'positive' reward, or down to the cloud for not following the settings behaviour expectations. Anyone on the rainbow at the end of the session is rewarded by a sticker.

Theme of the Term

We have had a busy term so far, following our 'Winter' theme. The children have enjoyed sharing lots of books, story writing, ice exploration, learning about winter animals, making bird feeders, as well as other activities. If you have liked our Acorn Facebook page, you will see regular updates throughout the term showing these activities, as well as other important information. So if you haven't already 'Liked' us, then please do.

Next term we will be embracing Chinese New Year – this year being the 'Year of the Dog'. Chinese New Year is known as the Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival. And the meaning of the festival is for families to come together and wish each other peace and prosperity. We will be trying noodles, eating with chopsticks, as well as making dragons and doing dragon dancing.

As well as this, we will be looking at Spring, and our Easter celebrations.

So another busy term ahead that I am sure your children will enjoy, and your help and support is always very much appreciated.

Many Thanks

Joy Comer
Pre-School Leader / Manager

