



November 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

# Term Dates



# Key Dates

## Term 2

Start –  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Finish –  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## Term 3

Start –  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Finish –  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Concert.  
(Children to go home with  
parents after coffee,  
refreshments and raffle.)

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas party with a visit  
from Father Christmas. (This  
will be in the morning and  
there will be no afternoon  
session on this day!)

The **Christmas Nativity** concert will now be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, allowing us to offer **normal** (morning and afternoon) **sessions** on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, and the Pre-School will break up following the **Christmas Party** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Pre-School Sessions

We still have available spaces for our sessions so if you require any extra days for your child please see Joy or Abbé.

## **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!

## **Absence from Pre-School due to holiday / illness**

Please can you inform me prior to planned holidays if your child will be absent from Pre-School. Also if a child will not be at Pre-School due to illness, please can you phone the setting on 01761 416767 before 9:15am on the day.

We complete a register and failure to phone will result in your child being marked down as unauthorised absence. If this was a regular occurrence, then we would need to inform BANES and funding can be affected.

## **Home incident**

We are legally required to document any bumps and bruises that your child comes into Pre-School with. Can we please remind you to inform us of any head injuries e.g. bumps on the way to pre-school, to ensure your child's safety at all times. You will be required to fill in a home incident form and sign.

## **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. 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.

## 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>
- Or join our parent / carer Facebook group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/acornpreschoolparents/>

## Photographer

We have Nigel Coles the photographer coming on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. You are very welcome to bring siblings along on this day at **8.30am** for family portraits.

Also any child that does not come on this day, please can you bring them from 8.30am and then take them home again so they don't miss out on having their photo done.

These photos will be taken first, so that you can get siblings to school etc.



## Raffle Prizes

We are going to be doing a sweet stall at the Paulton Christmas light switch-on on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We have sent cups home for you to fill up with some festive treats, so can I remind you to fill and return these to the pre-school ASAP to enable us to raise some funds for the benefit of your children. Many thanks for your co-operation.

We will be running a Christmas Raffle following the Christmas Nativity on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and would be very grateful if all children can bring in a prize, to again enable us to raise funds for benefit of your children.



## **Sessions and Price Increase**

As of the start of Term 3 (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018), Acorn Pre-School will be increasing the fees to **£12.00** per session, **£2.50** per lunch club. We are sorry that we have had to make this decision to increase the fees, but in the current economic climate we need to do this in order to cover our overheads and ensure we are providing the best possible care for your children. I am sure you will agree that this is still very competitive.

Thanks

Joy Comer  
Pre-School Leader / Manager

