

Newsletter



Spring Term?

Although the weather is telling us otherwise this is our spring term..... and so at Preschool this a great time for us to focus on the seasons and the changes that occur in the weather and our environment.

Earlier in January our new weather station was installed in the garden. Each day a small group of children have been looking at the instruments to see how much rain has fallen, if the wind is blowing and whether it's warm or cold. They have also been

encouraged to look at the sky and decided what sort of day it is - there has been plenty of talk about snow. We will be carrying on this theme with our forest school visit. The children will be encouraged to look for changes in the trees over the next couple of months and we will monitor the bird boxes for signs of new life.

Later in the term we hope to visit Ramsbury Estates and meet the new animals which signify the start of spring in the farming environment. More news on our visit nearer the time.



Parents Workshop

On 20th March, at 6.15pm, we are holding a parents workshop to explore the options for children starting school. It will be an opportunity to chat with staff and other parents. This is open to all. If you wish to come either let a member of staff know or confirm on our Facebook.

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WELCOME

We'd like to welcome Grayson, Henry and Daniel. Jo Hunt has also joined the staff team. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

SNACKS

At preschool we have snacks in the morning and afternoon. We ask each family to provide an item of food towards our snacks each term such as crackers, bread sticks or fruit.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember if any of your contact details change, email, mobile number, work number etc to let us know. It is vital we are able to reach you if we need to.

Calendar

January 2019

7th January - New Term Starts

February 2019

15th February - last day of term 3

25th February - term 4 begins

March 2019

20th March - Parents Workshop

April 2019

5th April - last day of term 4

2019 - Term Dates

23rd April - Term 5 starts

24th May - End of Term

3rd June - Term 6 starts

19th July - Summer Holidays

LOOSE PARTS

Loose parts are an open-ended play resource providing infinite opportunities and possibilities for the creative mind. We are committed to improving the children at Aldbourne Pre-schools resources, and by doing so we are introducing the use of 'loose parts' into our outdoor / indoor play space. Loose parts are materials that children can move, manipulate, control, combine, and change throughout their play. They enable children to experiment without a pre-determined outcome or a 'right' way to do things.

We are therefore beginning a loose parts collection from a range of materials that children can use in their play. Please see our list below. If you have any items you wish to donate please let us know. Please ensure all items are safe for children to handle. If you are unsure ask a member of the team. We look forward to setting up our loose parts play space for the children to explore. If you have any questions you are welcome to ask, we'd be happy to help.

Here are some ideas of materials we are looking for: Crates, Old keyboard / phones (without the cords), Pipes, Traffic cones, Buckets, Cardboard boxes / tubes, Tyres, Wood planks, Wood cable reels, Tarpaulin, Logs, Old , scratched CD's, Driftwood, Flooring samples, Pine cones, Fabric, Corks, Bottle caps, Scarves, Shells, Feathers, Large Walnut Shells, Flowers.

FOREST SCHOOLS

We have been implementing a forest schools programme since September 2018 with regular visits on a Tuesday. Children are given the choice to join the group or not. We are finding the children are becoming more independent in this environment. Please can children have warm coats, hats and gloves with them on Tuesday.

FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a closed Facebook only staff and parents are allowed access. We use this to keep you up to date on news and events and you can use it to contact us. To get signed up either email aldbournepreschool@gmail.com or talk to a member of the team.

PRIVACY

At Aldbourne Pre-school we take our privacy responsibilities seriously and as such we will only use your personal information to manage our responsibilities towards your child - all personal information will only be used in accordance with this goal. From time to time, we will need to get in touch with you, either via email, letter or telephone, to update you about the pre-school, any generic developments and to inform you of any issues relating to your child's health and wellbeing. We will manage this data in a professional, ethical and secure way to maintain the integrity of our records - so that we can run the pre-school accordingly. Personally Identifiable Information will not be shared with ANY third parties. Only authorised staff can access your secured personal information.