

Collaton St. Mary Pre-school

Newsletter

September 2011



Welcome to the autumn term here at Collaton.

A big hello to all the new children who have joined us this term. We hope that you will enjoy your time at Collaton. Welcome to all the new parents and carers as well. There is lots of information in this terms newsletter so please read on.

This is our daily routine

9am - Doors open - please aim for children to arrive as near to 9am as possible.
9.10am - Hello time (song and register)
Activities
10am - Snack café
Activities (indoor and outdoor)
11.30am - Stories and songs
11.45am - End of morning session
Lunch club
12.45pm Doors open for afternoon
1.00pm - Hello time (song and register)
Activities (indoor and outdoor)
2.00pm - Snack café
2.15pm - Activities (indoor and outdoor)
3.00pm - Story and songs
3.10pm - Doors open
3.15pm - End of afternoon session

Collaton Library.

Please have a look at the books available on the library rack with your child and choose a book to share at home.
Children can have a nature trail card and will receive a certificate when completed.

Reminder

For the safety of the children Please bolt the gate on arrival and departure. Thank you

Voucher signing week

Week beginning Monday 3rd October

Fee paying week

Monday 10th - Friday 14th October

Please pay promptly during this week.

As outlined in our committee newsletter we have amended our fee paying policy which can be viewed on line at www.collatonstmary.co.uk or a paper copy is available on request.

Harvest celebration

Tuesday 11th October

Guest - Rev Dave Treby - 9.15am

Please can children bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable on the morning for our harvest display, which we will use to make soup and fruit salad for the children to share. If your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday morning you are welcome to bring them in to join us for the harvest celebration.

Lunch club

For those children attending lunch club here are some guidelines.

- We provide spoons for yoghurts
- Please don't put too many items in as some children struggle to get through it all in the time allocated.
- Please include an ice pack
- No peanut butter or nuts
- Spread or sliced cheese is preferable than grated.
- Please name lunchboxes

Thank you

The Parish Rooms, Blagdon Road, Paignton. Devon. TQ3 3YA. 01803 -668810

Activities

Daily activities take place both inside and outside. Indoor activities include both free play and also some adult led activities. We are fortunate to have a lovely outdoor area which we like to make good use of in all seasons. Please could you provide a pair of wellies for your child (named) to be kept at pre-school in the wellie bucket. Also please ensure your child has a warm coat, gloves, hats for the chillier weather. (all clearly named please)

Clothing

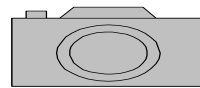
As many of our activities is messy, painting, playdough, gluing, baking, water play and outside play which sometimes can be muddy. Therefore it is preferable if children wear clothes that are not their best as we cannot guarantee that they will come home as clean as they came in!!

REMINDER

Please label all clothing items such as cardigans, fleeces, sweatshirt and outdoor clothing clearly with your childs name.

Home bags

Your child will be issued with a take home bag for all pictures and letters at the end of the day. They have each designed their own label for their bags Please ensure they bring their bag in with them each day they attend.



Photographs

Tuesday 18th October 9.15am
Tempest photographers will be coming - all children welcome to come and have their photograph taken which you will then be able to order.

Half term holiday

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October
Please see holiday date letter for further dates.

We always have a really good response when collecting vouchers. The Sainsbury vouchers in the summer purchased us the lovely table which is now in the wildlife garden, a seasaw, and wigwams which should be arriving soon. The Tesco vouchers we exchanged for some sports resources. We are now collecting Morrison vouchers which gain us garden resources.

Key worker groups

Each child is allocated a key worker group

Red group - Julia and Jane

Blue Group - Kim and Alison

Yellow Group - Lesley and Harriet

Green group - Jenni and Jackie

If you have any questions or concerns please speak either your child's key worker or

Julia - (supervisor)

Kim - (Assistant supervisor)

Learning Diaries

Each child has their own learning diary, in which we put photos and observations. We have a **WOW** box here your child can put in pictures or photographs that they would like included in their learning diary.