



## BISHOP CORNISH EDUCATION CENTRE

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BISHOP CORNISH PRE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We hope you had a good half term! We are looking forward to the sun coming out this half term and being able to do lots of new and exciting activities.

### What are we doing this half term?

This half term, after settling the children back in, we will be starting with a topic on Spring and then we will be thinking about Easter as well as Mothering Sunday. We will be talking to the children in the first week back about what they want to do and learning about Spring. We will be learning about signs of spring, clothing we wear in spring, life cycles (plants, insects, birds, frogs etc), light and rainbows, needs of and caring for plants, gardening skills, rain and weather.

If you have any seeds, small pots or compost you would like to donate to preschool we would be very grateful please.

### Our weekly literacy focus will be

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February - review sounds

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March - u

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March - b and u

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March - f and b

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March - review all sounds

### Our weekly maths focus will be

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March - using the language of weight.

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March - using the language of height.

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March - using the language of time

### What can you do at home?

You could encourage your child to talk about what they do at preschool. We would love to hear about your child's favourite thing about Spring and would encourage the children to come and share this with us. If you have any frogspawn, tadpoles or flowers they would like to bring in an share we would be really grateful.

Staffing - Unfortunately Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March will be Mrs Stanley-Savage's last day with us at Preschool, she is moving on to pastures new. She has been working at the preschool for a number of years and is an integral part of our team, we will all miss her very much. Until the Easter holidays, Hilary Green will be covering Mrs Stanley-Savage's hours. The children know her as she sometimes covers members of staff if they are off sick or on a course.

### Signing in and out book

Please ensure that you sign your child in and out and make sure that you tell us if your child is being picked up by someone different to normal.

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### Open Afternoon and website

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May we will be having an Open afternoon in the preschool for prospective parents and children. Please tell any friends/relatives you have with small children as we would love to have as many people as possible coming in to view our preschool. We are really proud of what we do here and the facilities we have as well the activities we plan for the children. We will be advertising this open afternoon around Saltash soon as well as launching our own website. The website will have up-to-date pictures and information and we will add new photos and videos each week so please keep a look out. We will let you know when the website goes live so you can go on and have a look.

### Clothing

Please ensure your child comes to pre school in appropriate clothing. We will be going outside in a variety of weathers and doing activities in the hall and would like all the children to be involved in this. Please could you also check your child's wellies to ensure that they still fit! Please could you also check that your child has their name in their wellies. Please remember that we do have a set of spare clothes so we DO NOT need you to bring a bag for your child each day. The reception area is small and we are trying to keep it free from clutter. We would ask however that you do wash and return borrowed clothes as soon as possible.

Please could we also ask that your child wears shoes that they can do up to pre school. The children do take them on and off a lot and some children are getting frustrated with laces that they cannot do themselves. We are also trying to increase their independence before going to school.

### Dates for this half term

World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, an opportunity for your child to come dressed as their favourite book character.

Group Photos - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - This will be an opportunity for your child to be in our large whole pre school photo. More details will be sent nearer the time.

Stay and play - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March am - a chance for you to come and play alongside your child.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March key worker meetings - a chance to come and talk to your child's key worker about their progress at pre school. Please look out for our sign up sheet on the door nearer the time.

End of term - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

First day back of Summer term - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Half term - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

End of Term - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

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Closure days - pre school will be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for staff training

Many thanks for your continued support. Any questions please speak to a member of staff.

Mrs Soady, Mrs Stokesbury, Mrs Dark and Mrs Stanley-Savage

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