



Westbury Baptist Pre-school

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Newsletter Term 4 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break. We will be welcoming some new families to our preschool.

This term we will continue with the WOW board for children to display what they have been doing at home and at preschool. If they have been given a certificate or have a photo of a special experience, a drawing or a leaflet, they are most welcome to add it to our board (or a copy of it). You could also just give us a note of an achievement at home they could share with us. Precious items will be returned.

Our topic for the term is **Growing** and a topic web is attached. We have included a copy of our topic web for the term to give you an idea of what the children will be learning in addition to those which will take place based on preferences, interests and stage of development. We know that some of you celebrate particular festivals and we invite you to share these with us. As part of this topic, we are hoping to develop our garden area and we will be sending out more information about this exciting project, next term.

**Book week** commences on **Monday 4th March** and we will be dressing up on **Thursday 7th March** as a character from a story so please look out for a costume. If your child does not attend on Thursday, of course they can dress up on another day. You do not have to go to elaborate lengths but the children will enjoy being someone different for the day. May we respectfully ask that you do not allow your child to dress up as a witch or wizard since this has caused offence to some people in the past. During this week, it would be lovely if your child brought in a favourite book to share with the group. We are also hoping to have some guest readers.

We would like to invite you to our **Maths Workshops**. These will take place on **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March, Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March and Thurs 21st March** from 9.05-10.15. It will give you an opportunity to play alongside your child doing some maths based activities.

Our day for **weekly singalongs** changes to **Tuesday** starting on **20th Feb at 9.05am-9.20am**. The weekly singing will be a chance for you to see the children sing and of course all can join in. Everyone is welcome and we will sign you in and out in our visitor's log. To give everyone a chance to join in we will vary the day of the singalong termly. There will **NOT** be singing on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> march as we are having a special singalong on **Thursday 7th March** at 9.05am for **Mothers Day**.

On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** we will go to **Canford Park** first thing after registration to enjoy an **Easter egg hunt**. We will require your assistance in accompanying the children for this to go ahead. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Although the weather remains very damp, all the children are encouraged to play in the outdoor area each day. Please can you therefore ensure that your child comes to pre-school with a **named** coat (hat and scarf, if required) as not all the children recognise which item of clothing is theirs.

This is also the time of year when bugs/ailments etc are invariably present at pre-school, so please can we ask that if your child is ill with a tummy upset, that they remain at home until 48 hours have passed. Often viruses can hang around longer than necessary, if children are sent back too soon. Children must not come to preschool if they display any covid symptoms.

If your child is ill and is unable to attend pre-school please can you contact us via email [preschool@westburybaptist.org.uk](mailto:preschool@westburybaptist.org.uk) or by phone 0117 9622338 as early as possible.

Finally, if your child stays for lunch, please remember to include a drink. Please can you also ensure that you do not include any food containing nuts in their lunch boxes (e.g. peanut butter, nutella, nut-based cereal bars etc.) and make sure that fruit/grapes/tomatoes etc is cut up in small pieces to avoid choking hazards. Please could you also put your child's name on their lunch boxes as we do have some that are identical.

#### Carla's Corner

Please can you return your summer funding form and confirm if you wish to change your child's sessions/ days by 19.02.24.

For information relating to funded childcare please visit:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

For those of you who are accessing the extended funding offer, don't forget to renew your 30 hours code in time for the Summer Term.

Thank you to everyone for your voluntary contributions.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Start of term 4
Every Tuesday at 9.05am	Singalong – start 20th Feb ( <b>no singing 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> )
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character
Thursday 7th March	Special Mothers' day sing along 9.05am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 21st March	Maths Workshops-9.05-10.15am
Weds 27th March	Easter Egg hunt at Canford park
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 4
Monday 15th April	INSET day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Start of Term 5

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April

Concept Photography

Best Wishes

Pre School Team