

# OFFWELL UNDER FIVES PRE-SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term.

## New Children

This term we will be welcoming three new children to Offwell Under Fives: Ella, Aubrey and Jessica. That will take our number of children on roll to a very healthy 18. We may still have spaces for the Spring term in January so we will be asking you all whether you want to increase your child's days over the next few weeks in preparation for then.

## New Qualification

We are delighted to tell you that Kim Hancock – our Preschool assistant- has now been awarded her Level 2 certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (NVQ). Kim will continue to receive training both in house and through Devon County Council in order to develop her qualifications further.

## Parent/carer helpers

If anyone would like to stay and play at preschool, there is a parent helper rota up on the hall door. Michelle is away on a "Healthy settings" training course on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – we would really appreciate a helper on that particular morning.

## Personal Development Folders

All children now have a folder to chart their journey and development through Offwell Under Fives. The folders contain photos and written observations of your child's involvement at preschool and will be yours to keep on leaving the preschool. We will be handing these folders out shortly for you to look at with a comment/target sheet at the front. Please take a look and add any comments in the parent section provided and then return them to preschool. If you would like to meet any of the staff to discuss any issues about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to ask and a meeting can be arranged.

## Home/school books

Could we please ask that the home/school books remain in your child's book bag/preschool bag at all times . Whenever your child is the Special Helper we like to write a comment in their book and we also put in a label about their library book. As a parent, please feel free to write any questions/queries/comments that perhaps you may not have time to pass on verbally in the morning – we do check the books every day and will respond immediately.

## WANTED!!!!

If you have any of the following unwanted items cluttering up your homes, please send them our way: Used Birthday/Christmas cards, wool, ribbon/lace ,buttons, shiny chocolate wrappers(clean) – and anything else you think might be useful for our "cut and stick" drawer.

## Christmas party/concert

Please note the dates of these two events on your diaries. We realize that not all children attend on Mondays and Fridays but hope that as many as possible will be able to make either or both dates. Further details about these events will follow later .

Many thanks

The Team

