

# OFFWELL UNDER FIVES PRE-SCHOOL

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Firstly, a warm welcome back after the Christmas holidays – A special welcome to our new children, Kiera , Niamh and Eleanor. All have settled in extremely well we are now back into the full swing of things.

## Preschool website

For those who may not know, we have a fantastic website which gives information about the setting and is regularly updated with photos of special events – our Christmas party and recent trip to Offwell School can now be viewed. If any one has any good shots of the Christmas concert, please do let us know so that they can be put on too.

## Offwell School visit

Our next visit to Offwell School will be on WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY. Mrs.Hill will be teaching that day and so this will provide your children with the opportunity to meet her possibly for the first time. As usual, we will meet in the bottom playground at 8:50 and children will need to be collected at 12:00. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide lunch club that day.

## Session times

In order for us to make the very most of the time your children spend with us at Preschool we politely ask that children are on site promptly at 9:15 so that we can start the register time no later than 9:25 thus leaving as much time as possible for our freeplay and adult lead activities before snack at 10:30. We do have a wide curriculum to deliver and simply want to ensure that we fit everything in! Thank you for your co-operation.

## Wet weather play

We do our very best to get outside every day for physical and investigative activities but are limited to the hardstanding area due to the wetness of the grass. If you would like your child to be able to play/explore the grass and veg plot area at all times of the year , please feel free to supply a pair of named wellies each day (they can live in a bag under the chairs) . We will soon be weeding and digging over the raised beds in preparation for new planting.

## Parent helper rota

There is now a rota up on the lobby door for anyone wanting to come into preschool and play with the children and see exactly what goes on during a preschool session. Your help is invaluable – especially during snack time – and we know how much the children love having Mummy / Daddy or Grandparent helpers in too!

## Lunch club

We are delighted to have so many children attending lunch club this term – it's a really lovely social activity and very good preparation for school too. In order to make the task of finishing their lunch box contents an achievable goal, we are recommending the following in line with Offwell School. A savoury item eg, small round of sandwiches/roll/wrap, followed by yoghurt/frui/veg, followed by 1 treat – eg, crisps, chocolate bar (no sweets).If you could bear in mind that we only really have 30 minutes to eat our lunch and children are very proud of themselves when they finish.



We are hoping to take advantage of the offer above and need you help to earn us some FREE sports equipment. If you go to the above website, type in Honiton into the town search box, then scroll till you find Offwell Under Fives, you can leave a supportive message there. If we reach 70% - we will be entitled to a free equipment pack – and please do ask families and friends to help us too!

This half term's topic

So far we have been thinking about our bodies , body parts and exercise. We will then be focusing on families and homes .It would be lovely if you could send in your child with a photo of a family event for them to show and tell – perhaps a Birthday, holiday , day trip or a walk in the park. We look forward to sharing their special moments with them.

Thanks

The Team