**Maids Moreton Pre-School**

**2nd half term Spring Newsletter 2019**

**Welcome**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new parents and children this term and hope you all have an enjoyable time at Maids Moreton Pre-School.

Our theme this 2nd half term is about our favourite books along with introducing spring activities. The children have already taken part In planting bulbs in the out-side area and are starting to notice that things are happening. We have also been preparing our vegetable garden for planting and hopefully will have potatoes, carrots and peas later in the year. (Watch this space).

The Three year olds will be learning the letter sound P through fun stories, songs and rhymes and games. The under three’s will be singing songs and familiar rhymes during their circle time.

**Learning at home.**

At the entrance to Pre-school we have a notice board that displays our weekly learning intentions, this board will also display an activity you can do with your child at home or on the way home, for example “Can you count how many cars you can see? these will be activities that I am sure you do without realizing it, it will help your child with their literacy skills such as listening and understanding words and mathematical skills and much more, enhancing what they experience within Pre-school.

Reading and sharing stories together will help your child become familiar with sounds, words and language and to value books and learn how to treat them with care. It can also spark your child’s imagination, curiosity and brain development.

But most importantly it is a quite time for you and your child to have a snuggle while sharing a book.

**Together we can help your child to develop the above skills.**

**Information for new families to Pre-School.**

**Billy Bear**

Thank you very much to all the children so far that have looked after Billy for us, on his sleep over with you. I have enjoyed reading what mummy and daddy wrote about your time together. If Billy has not visited you yet, don’t worry he soon will.

**Story Sacks**

The story sacks will be coming home with your child throughout the year, to keep for a week before returning to Pre-School. It would be lovely if you could make a comment in the book provided in the sacks, to let us know how you all enjoyed the books and props, before returning to a member of staff.

The Hungry Caterpillar story sack has props that might not be suitable for younger siblings (Please supervise your child with the props)

**Reminders**

**Forest School**

Please be aware dates for Forest School will be clearly displayed in the foyer area also. Please make a note of the dates, so the children are prepared for these **morning** sessions, it would be appreciated if the children could be dressed for forest school. (Waterproof trousers, coats , wellies for winter weather. (Long trousers, long armed jumper/T-shirt, wellies) for the summer months.

**Forest School Dates:-**

Tuesday 30th April 2019

Wednesday 8th May 2019

Thursday 16th May 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Tuesday 11th June 2019

Wednesday 19th June 2019

Thursday 27th June 2019

Friday 5th July 2019

Monday 8th July 2019

**Pre-School phone number and email address**

 The pre-school telephone number is **01280-824989** to report a child’s non-attendance. Please can you leave a message on the answerphone before 9.00am and every day of your child’s non attendance. You are also able to contact Kim with any queries or questions confidentially on

**kim@maidsmoretonpreschool.co.uk****.**

**Pre-school clothes**

Could I remind parents to provide a full change of clothing incase of water play accidents and clearly name them, together with water bottles and lunch boxes and **wellington boots.**

**Mobile Phones.**

**Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on the Pre-School grounds at any time, for safeguarding reasons, which I am sure you will appreciate. Please finish your call before you come through the entrance to Pre-school. If you are found to be using your phone on the grounds you will be asked by a member of staff to end your call.**

**Toys from home**.

 If your child feels the need to bring a toy from home, can it please be put in the toy sack with a member of staff by the door, to keep it safe, as children are getting very distressed when other children want to touch or look at their special toys.

 Comforters from home will be acceptable for **new starters** who still need the attachment to home, which is usually a dummy, blanket or a cuddly toy within the room.

**Dates for your diary**

**07/03/2019 – World book day**- Children are welcome to come dressed as a character from a favourite book.

**07/05/2019 – Consultation Afternoons** (Times to be confirmed)

**22/06/2019 – Maids Moreton School Summer Fayre 12pm-3pm** ( Pre-school has a stall please come and support us.

**19/07/2019 – Pre-school will close** at 12pm for the summer holiday’s there is no afternoon session.

**19/07/2019 – 12-15pm- 1.00pm**- **School Leavers only Picnic in the Forest School area.**

**Spring 2019 Term Dates**

**7th January 2019 - 5th April 2019**

Half Term 18th February to 22nd February 2019

**Summer 2019 Term Dates**

**23rd April 2019 – 19th July 2019**

Half Term 27th May 2019 – 31st May 2019

**Bank holiday Monday 6th May 2019**

**Any updates or further information will be sent to you by email.**