



**WELCOME NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2020**

Welcome from the new
Management Team



Hello everyone,

Well, I wasn't expecting to be writing to you quite like this but I am very excited to have taken over as Manager of our wonderful little preschool family from Monday 20th July 2020. I feel very lucky to have the most fabulous team supporting me; each of them has unique qualifications, skills, interests and experiences to offer, together, would you believe we have over 100 years' experience in Early Years!

I'm thrilled to say that from September we will be able to resume 'normal' hours and availability, preschool will operate as one bubble and as much as possible will operate as normal. Preschool will look a little different, minimising the amount of resources on offer to ensure the environment is easy to clean and hygienic, going forward we will assess what we can offer. We hope our first day of term will be Monday 7th September... which brings me to letting you know about some exciting building work...

Old School Room

The fabulous Trustees of our School Room have managed to secure funding for some repair work and additional space; they are replacing the big window at the bottom of the main room and are building a Meeting room to the side of the building this summer, hopefully everything will be completed by the time we return.

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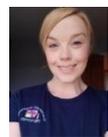
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Sessions

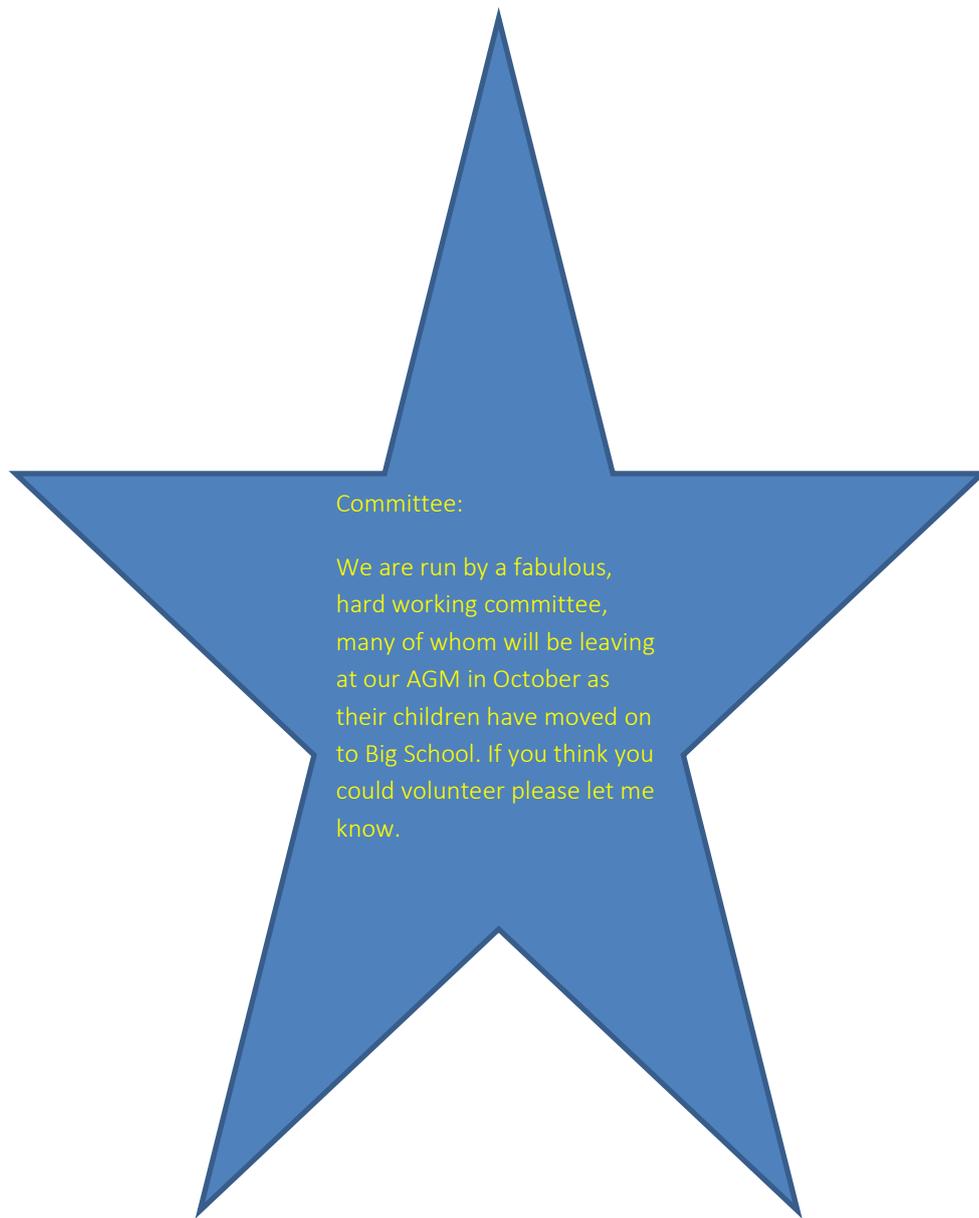
Due to the restrictions recently, we have been unable to transition children into Pre-school in the normal way; some children haven't been inside at all in-fact! As we can't start our Toddler sessions in the normal way we have created "drop in" sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings for our younger children wanting to start so we can get to know you and your children and decide together if they are ready to start. These sessions will run outside in our garden area; there will no access to our inside area, please attend with one parent/carer and no siblings. As we will run these sessions in all weathers please dress appropriately. When we feel your child is ready to make the transition, we will discuss how we can make this as easy as possible. All our families will receive a Home Visit, a valuable insight into your child and a chance to fill in necessary paperwork.

Forest School

Friday Forest School sessions will start back at Crophorne School when their Risk Assessments allow, until then, we will run these sessions at Pre-school. We also hope to run some very special sessions for our older children in collaboration with Lucy at Bugs and Blossom in Naunton Beauchamp, Lucy is one of our Mums and has the most beautiful site on her family farm. We will be hopefully be in contact soon with details.

Monday 9.00 – 2.45	Tuesday 9.00-2.45	Wednesday 9.00-2.45	Thursday 9.00-2.45	Friday 9.00-2.45
Mini Forest School Drop in sessions 9.30-10.30	Preschool	Preschool Drop in sessions 9.30-10.30	Preschool	FOREST SCHOOL 2021 Cohort only

If your child will turn 3 before the end of August, you will be able to claim your 15 universal hours of pre school funding from September—and you may also be entitled to 30 hours of funding if you and your partner are both working—or if you're a sole parent and working. You will need to register for the 30 hours funding BEFORE 31 August in order to claim for the autumn term so it would be a good idea to do it now. You need to do this online at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> and you'll get a code which you need to give me to validate before the end of August. I'm also going to attach the parental claim form with this newsletter—ALL returning children should complete this ready for next year, but it's especially important for those able to claim the 30 hours to get it to me in order to validate your code. Any questions, please ask—phone or message me on my number 07840125705 or by email charltonpreschool2018@gmail.com



Committee:

We are run by a fabulous, hard working committee, many of whom will be leaving at our AGM in October as their children have moved on to Big School. If you think you could volunteer please let me know.

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Admissions policy –

To provide clarity, we have re-written our policy on admissions; we are registered for children aged 2 years and offer places where available to children in the locality from 2 years 6 months Monday – Thursday. Friday is our Forest School session, it is reserved for the older children moving on to school in September initially, however we will consider, where space allows, younger children when we restart in the spring if we think they are ready.

2 year olds

From September, we will be offering 'Drop in' sessions for 2 year olds from 9.30-10.30 on Monday and Wednesdays in our garden where you can meet our staff and experience what we have to offer. We hope to use these sessions to assess your child's readiness to start their preschool journey. Due to Covid 19, we will not be able to run Toddler sessions or offer look around sessions, we will be making a video to show what we have to offer, introduce the staff and give you a feel of our lovely preschool.



I had hoped to be writing this letter to you in very different circumstances having finished our older children's journeys with us and sent them off to big school fully prepared; Alison was supposed to have had a proper send-off too, acknowledging all her hard work and dedication to our lovely preschool over the years. These celebrations are merely postponed until we can safely enjoy each other's company so watch this space...

Vicky and the Team x