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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. A special welcome to those families who are new to our Pre School and Nursery.

Holiday Dates for the Year

Please note the following inclusive dates when Pre School and Nursery will be closed:-

Half Term	28th October – 4 th November
Christmas	20 th December (finish at 1.20) to 6th January
Half Term	17 th February – 21st February
Easter	3 rd April (finish at 1.20) to 17 th April
May Bank Holiday	8 th May
Half Term	25 th May – 1 st June
Summer Holiday	Pre School closes at 1.20 on Friday 17th July

Parking

Please use the Waitrose car park for parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We are very lucky to have this agreement with Waitrose and it makes it much safer for our children.

I would like to remind you to look at the noticeboard in the foyer as you exit the building for any relevant information, such as your child's key worker, their key group and a copy of the latest newsletter. I would also like to draw your attention to "Wow vouchers", these are slips to complete at home and will contribute to your child's development records.

Photographer

The photographer is coming on Tuesday 22nd October. If your child does not normally attend you are welcome to bring them along at 9.00 am. The photographer has offered to take family portraits – if you would like this option please book a slot with me and we will arrange for these to be taken from 8.00 am.

Parent/Key Person Information Sharing

You will be offered a 20 minute appointment with your child's key person between 2nd and 11th December. Additional meetings will be held in March and June. The object of these meetings is for you and your child's key person to share information about your child and you will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have.

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Christmas Production and Party

The Christmas Production this year is on Thursday 19th December at 2.00 p.m. in the large school hall. There will be a rehearsal on 17th December between 9.30 and 10.00 and Wednesday 18th December between 1.30 and 2.00. There will be a letter nearer the time detailing costume requirements and timings.

Christmas Party day for Pre School and Nursery will be on Wednesday 18th December from 9.00 to 11.30. If your child does not normally attend please bring them along at 9.00.

Tooth Brushing

If you did not pay last year can I please ask that you pay £1 for your child's toothbrush. The children are cleaning their teeth after lunch each day.

Clothes and Lunch Boxes

Please ensure that you label all your children's clothes and possessions – we have had a few cases of things being lost and it makes the staff's job much easier to know what belongs to which child. The pre school children will be doing PE on a Monday morning and a Wednesday morning. Please can you ensure that their shoes are suitable for them to put on and take off themselves. If you provide a changing bag please include nappy sacks and wet wipes as we do not provide these. If children have pierced ears could you please ensure that they wear studs only.

Toys

Could we request that children do not bring in their own toys. Obviously we allow a transition toy which may help them settle in.

Liturgy

Our next two Pre School liturgies will be attended by Father Francis on 23rd October and 10th December at 1.15 o'clock. Parents are welcome to attend. Pre School children only will be attending.

Cancelling Places

If you are giving up your place with the Child Care Trust we require 3 week's notice. You can let us know by letter or email for the attention of Denise Arnold

Kind Regards

Denise Arnold
Manager