

Little Acorns Pre-School

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Welcome to the Autumn Term 1



September term

We are really looking forward to seeing the children back in preschool and welcoming all our new families. The first part of the term will be spent focusing on settling the children, getting back into our routines, and talking 'all about me'.

We have a wonderful year ahead planned, full of fun and learning opportunities.

Here at Little Acorns, we love to share our families experience's and traditions, so if you are able to spare some time with us in pre school, please let a member of staff know and we would love to see you.

Our Focus Weeks

Week Commencing	Focus
7 th September	All about me
14 th September	People in my family
21 st September	Transport and journeys
28 th September	Woodland and forest
5 th October	Harvest Festival
12 th October	Colour, shape, mirrors and torches
20 th October	Food from other countries

New look pre school

Lots has been happening in pre school over the summer holidays. We have had a beautiful new luxury vinyl floor laid which is nonslip, hard wearing and easy maintenance.

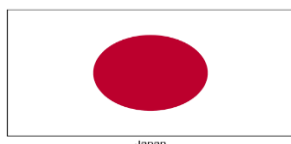
We have also had room 2 and the entrance foyer painted. A group of dedicated volunteers and staff came in over a number of days to freshen everywhere up. It looks great!



Lunchboxes

Please note that food in your child's lunch box should be cut into batons (carrots, cucumber etc) quarters (grapes, strawberries, tomatoes) and have stones removed (cherries, plums) Please also remember our no nut or fish policy.

Please remember No nut products including chocolate / hazelnut spread are to be brought into preschool. We have children with severe touch and airborne allergies Any products will be removed and sent home at the end of the day.



Country of the Month Japan and Morocco



Each month in preschool we look at how different countries celebrate special events. The children get involved in things like cooking, learning fun facts and craft activities that relate to different countries and their cultures. For September and October our countries will be Japan and Morocco.

In Japan they celebrate the change to autumn with dancing, floats pulling wooden sculptures and food events. They also celebrate grandparents' day on the third Monday in September.

Morocco highlights three major cultural and music events during late September to mid-October. Families will come together and dance to traditional music and enjoy handmade sweet treats.

The ladies have some great activities planned for the children to participate in, and we are all looking forward to learning about different parts of the world.

First Prize Winner - Bognor in Bloom Competition

At the beginning of last year, we entered the Bognor Allotment Society Tomato Competition. The children planted seeds and helped to look after the tomatoes over the rest of the year. Before the end of term in July, we had our judging visit, and it would be true to say that they were very impressed by the hard work and dedication shown by the staff and children in looking after not only the tomatoes but also our growing area. During the holidays we were informed that we had won the 1st prize. A really big well done to Charissa, the pre school staff and the children for this wonderful achievement.



Stay and Play

Our first Stay and Play of the term will be on Wednesday 7th October from 9.15 - 10.15

This is a lovely opportunity for you to come and see what your children get up to in preschool.

The theme for the October Stay and Play will be Harvest Time.

Please remember under the General Data Protection Regulation to only take photos of your own child.

Fees Increase

Please be aware that from September our pre school fees will be increasing. This is our first increase in over 2 years, so we appreciate your understanding. Our new fees are as follows.

£6.50 per hour for 3yr olds and £8 per hour for 2yr olds.

Committee

Little Acorns is a Charity run preschool. Although we currently rent our premises from Bersted Green school, we are not linked to the school.

Our committee is made up of a Chairperson - Julia McCulloch, Treasurer - Nat Hill, Secretary - Mel Dixon and a small number of parents and staff. We are always looking for new members to help support the continued success of the pre school and help with fundraising ideas. If you are interested in sparing just a few hours a term, then we would love to hear from you.

We are all really looking forward to the next few weeks. There is such a lot happening in pre school and we can't wait to share it with you all.

Friday 23 rd October - Last Day of Term
Pre school photographer - Date to be confirmed
Monday 2 nd November - Return to Pre School

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A reminder to our current families and some useful information for our new starters.

Timekeeping

Our opening hours are; 8.50 - 12 or 1pm, and 12 or 1 - 3pm

Unless it is pre-arranged with your Keyworker or the management team then we ask that you please stick to these times. We work to the legal ratios set out by the Early Years Foundation., and if a member of staff has to come to the gate to let your child in then it can be disruptive to planned activities, group times and snack times, ultimately impacting on the other children's day. It also good to get into a good routine in preparation for school.

Labels

Can we please ask that everything sent into pre school is labelled with your child's name. This includes lunch boxes, drinks bottles, sun cream and items of clothing, We have up to 40 children in pre school at a time and trying to match children to their belongings can be tricky.

Spare clothes

Please send in at least 2 sets of spare clothes for your child including underwear and socks so that we can make your child more comfortable if they get wet or have an accident. Especially if they are toilet training.

Snack

We do not charge for any consumable items for your child. We do however ask for a donation of some fruit, vegetables or bread sticks to top up our snack box from time to time.

Mobile phones

Due to Safeguarding and GDPR legislation please do not use your mobile phone in the preschool setting and at drop off and pick up times. This also includes while being at the gate as there are often children from the school around.

A polite reminder from the school

Can our parents and carers please remind their children not to play on the slides or in the Key Stage 1 playground before and after school, and not to touch the resources and toys put out into the Year 1 outdoor covered area as things are being moved, lost and broken. Thank you

Healthy lunchboxes.

Your child needs lots of energy to participate in all the preschool activities. This can be helped by providing a healthy lunchbox containing plenty of fruit, vegetables, dairy, grains and water. Treats of chocolate, high sugar items and crisps should be kept to a minimum.

No nuts or fish are allowed in pre school due to children with severe allergies.