**2024/ 2025 Newsletter**

**Autumn Term**

**Useful Websites**

Preschool: [www.woodmancotepreschool.org.uk](http://www.woodmancotepreschool.org.uk)

General information: [www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)

Childcare Costs: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Preschool also has a Facebook page, please follow or like.

**This Term’s Diary Dates**

**Mon 28th October: Inset Day, Preschool closed.**

**Fri 1st November: Inset Day, Preschool closed**

**Fri 13th Dec: Christmas Party, Preschool closes at 12.30pm. Parents invited to attend party.**

**Pick Up and Drop Off Times**

Please make sure you are not “early” to preschool and arrive at your booked drop off time – We appreciate you may be late on some mornings. At the end of the day if you are going to be very early please let us know. Please be on time picking up your child. We have to make sure we have the correct number of staff for children present and early drop off or late pick ups may affect this. Please speak to Anita or Jo if you need to change times – we can be very flexible.

Please note: If arriving after 8.55am, children will be collected at the door, parents cannot come in at this time. This is because we are doing our daily registration at this time and adults coming into the room is very distracting for the children.

When collecting your child on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please wait outside the gate, we will bring your child to you. This is to prevent children still at Preschool getting upset if they are waiting for their grown up.

**Welcome to a New Year at Preschool**

Welcome to all our parents. September is our biggest month of change. We have said goodbye to our preschoolers, our younger members have become the older children and we have several new children. We always spend the first couple of weeks getting to know all our children and getting them used to our routines. Staff are the same as last year, we are lucky at Preschool as we have a very low turn over of staff. There may be some changes to keyworkers but we only change them if absolutely necessary. We have an “open door” policy for all our parents. You can speak to keyworkers at drop off or you can ask to make an appointment to see them. Anita or Jo are always available to answer questions about children or general questions about Preschool or funding. In addition to this we also are able to signpost parents to other organisations if needed. All queries are treated with the utmost confidence. If we don’t know the answer we will find out for you.

**Clothing and Personal Belongings**

Please can you make sure all personal belongings are named. Children don’t always recognise which coat, jumper or lunch box is theirs. It also helps with reuniting you with any missing items. On arrival wellies are left in the entrance hall. There is a trolley lunch boxes get put on. Coats and bags get placed on the cloakroom.

**Invoices**

These will be issued next week once all the funding forms have been completed.

**Congratulations to Tracy**

We are very pleased to announce that Tracy passed her level 3 Forest School Leaders qualification. Well done! Preschool is now very lucky to have 3 qualified Forest School Leaders.