



Planning October 2021

Autumn and Exploring Colours with Elmer

- Autumn treasure bags
- Elmer stories and puppets
- Hedgehog Funky Fingers
- Talk about Autumn animals and the ones which will begin to hibernate
- Exploring and mixing colours with Elmer
- Conkers to sort and count
- Autumn weather – practise putting on our own coat and hats etc

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for the continued support and understanding as the start of term has not started how we would have liked it too!!

With all these coughs, temperatures and colds going around, we have had to be really careful about asking parents to get their child tested and appreciate that everyone has understood the predicament we are in.

On a lighter note, we would also just like to say how well the children have settled, given that some are in and out. They have adapted extremely well and we have had some lovely comments from parents too. Hopefully things will settle down soon and they can really start to enjoy pre-school.

Starting School

If your child is due to start school in September 2022, you are now able to apply for their place.

You can apply online at:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions

alternatively you can contact them on 01228 221582 or email

school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk.

Parents/carers are responsible for applying for a school place, **Closing Date 15th January 2022.**

Dates for your diary

Half Term

25th – 29th October 2021 Pre-School Closed

Last Day of Term

Thursday 16th December 2021

Change of last day of term

We finish a day earlier for Christmas. Therefore, the last day of term will be Thursday 16th December and not Friday as in the previous newsletter. We have only just been informed of the change. This is because of the Queen's platinum jubilee in June next year. They have made Friday 3rd June 2022 a national bank holiday and we are already off for half term that week. Therefore, Cumbria County Council has decided to add it on to our Christmas holidays instead. Unfortunately, this means parents/carers have an extra day to entertain your child until Santa comes!!

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back Megan to our team. Megan has now returned from maternity leave and is working part-time. It's lovely to have her back!

Lateral Flow Testing

Can we please remind all parents/carers that Lateral Flow tests must **NOT** be used on your child at all and even more so if your child has **any** covid symptoms, such as a cough.

Lateral flow tests are for asymptomatic testing (people who **do not** have any symptoms).

Therefore, if your child is showing any covid symptoms you **MUST** book a PCR test at Cecil Street or Carlisle Airport. If you choose not to get your child tested, then they must isolate for 10 days.

If your child comes to pre-school with a cough and they have not been properly tested, you will be asked to collect them.

Also, if your child has had Calpol, we ask that they do not attend as this can mask a temperature and we are unable to administer Calpol unless it has been prescribed from a doctor.

Many Thanks

Becky, Rhona, Megan, Helen, Angela, Stacey & Innes