



Billericay Catholic Pre-School Newsletter  
November/December 2020

Welcome back after half term, and a special welcome to all the new children who will be starting Pre-school during the next few weeks.

**PROCEDURES FOR DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD**

On arrival at Pre-school we must ask that you remain in your car until a Pre-school member of staff calls your child's name, you will then be asked to approach the main entrance of the Canon Roche Centre and ask your child to walk the last two metres to the member of Pre-school staff.

At pick up time a member of Pre-school staff will bring your child to the main Canon Roche Centre entrance. You should approach and your child will be asked to walk the last two metres to you. We ask that you stay in your car until your child's name is called.

**Please can we remind you to stay two metres away from the main doors at all times.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD INTO PRE-SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**PLEASE ADVISE THE PRE-SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY**

- if your child or any member of your household develops symptoms of Covid19
- if your child or any member of your household tests positive for Covid19
- if for any reason your child is unable to attend a Pre-school session.

**PLEASE KEEP YOURSELF UPDATE WITH THE CURRENT GUIDELINES [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)**

We will be providing lots of fun activities to cover, where possible, the areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Unfortunately, we cannot allow the children to bring home any craft activities they have made, but where possible we will upload photos of the children's work onto our Facebook page. We hope you will understand that this is in line with government guidelines regarding infection

prevention and control.

#### **FREE EARLY YEARS ENTITLEMENT (FEEE) FOR THE SPRING TERM**

All children who will be three years old before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 inclusive are eligible for Free Early Years Entitlement from the beginning of the Spring term commencing on the 4th January 2021.

Please go to our website for details of all your funding options for 2year olds, 3-4year olds and the 30 hours Extended Entitlement. You will also find a copy of the FEEE Guide for Parents.

You will be required to complete a Parent/Carer Agreement Form for the Spring term, which we will provide as soon as these are available. If your child is eligible and you do not get a form please let the us know.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, please email [billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com) or call 07980411925.

Website: Please can I refer you to our website, which is updated regularly, where you will find lots of useful information including our updated COVID19 guidance and how to claim funding.

<http://www.billericaycatholicpreschool.co.uk/>

**This term the children will be learning about "People who help us" - We will also be talking about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries all over the world. If anyone has any experience of Christmas celebrations in another country, we would very much welcome your input. As well as opportunities for lots of child- initiated activities and fun, we have adult-led activities and experiences planned for each week as follows:**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:**

**The children will be learning about fire engines, fire fighters and fire safety. We will be talking about the dangers of playing with matches. We will also be making bonfire and firework pictures.**

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Nov:**

**We will be explaining to the children through books and posters, how the Hindi festival of Diwali is celebrated. The children will be drawing around their hands cutting out the imprint and decorating them with jewels.**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Nov:**

**We will be explaining to the children about the role of community police officers. We will be taking our own fingerprints and making a police car and police helmet**

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:**

**We will be talking about the Lollypop person and how they help us to cross the road when we go to school. We will be practising crossing the road safely using our own zebra crossing in the hall and learning about the green cross code. We will be making Belisha beacons and traffic lights.**

#### **30<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

**This week the children will be learning all about ambulances and how doctors, nurses and dentists help us. We will be asking them to recall their experiences of going to hospital, doctors or dentists. We will be making ambulances and colouring pictures of doctors, nurses and dentists.**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**We will be doing Christmas stamp and sponge printing with gold and silver paints. We will also be making Christmas wreaths and we will be explaining that people in lots of different**

**countries all over the world will be hanging Christmas wreaths on the doors of their houses.**

### **14<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**This week the children will be making Christmas cards and decorations. We will be learning children songs and dancing to Christmas music.**

Term Dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term

Open: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Last day of term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Spring Term

Open: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Last day of term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Open: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Last day of term: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Summer Term

Open: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of term: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Open: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Last day of term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July