



Billericay Catholic Pre-School Newsletter
September/October 2020

BIG NEWS: After over 35 amazing years of service with the Pre-school Angela Mullen has made the decision to step down from the Pre-school Manger. She will oversee the changeover in management until December 2020. We would like to say a massive thank you to Angela for everything she has contributed to the running of the Pre-school. We are pleased to announce that from September 2020 Sarah Dorrington, who has worked at the Pre-school for over 10 years has been promoted to Pre-school manager.

We welcome all the children back after the summer holidays and a special welcome to all the new children who will be starting Pre-school during the next few weeks.

We realise that Pre-school is going to be different for some and for now the children will only be able to play with others in their own groups. We continue to review the government guidance and hope to change things back as soon as possible.

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.

You will have been given information on drop off and collection timings for the Pre-school sessions, these changes are temporary and have been designed to enable us to settle all of the children into pre-school safely. Some of children have had nearly 6 months off and some are starting with us for the first time. We will update you with the new changes as soon as we can review safety procedures. Please bear with us in this unusual time.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, please email billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com or call 07980411925.

Message from all staff: All of the staff would like to say a big "thank you" for your very generous contributions and all our lovely presents and cards at the end of last term. They were all very much appreciated.

Half Term – We will be closed for one week from Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October and we come back on Monday 2nd November.

Fees: Your invoices will be emailed out this week. Please note unusually we will be invoicing for September only (due to reduced hours to stagger start and finish times). We will invoice again in October for the remainder of this term.

This term the children will be learning about the things we see and experience during season of autumn and how autumn festivals such as Harvest are celebrated. The children will be looking at the colours of Autumn, how the season changes. We will be collecting leaves in the Pre-school garden and looking at how they change colour.

Term Dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term

Open: Tuesday 8th September
Last day of term: Friday 23rd October
Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Open: Monday 2nd November
Last day of term: Friday 18th December

Spring Term

Open: Monday 4th January
Last day of term: Friday 12th February
Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Open: Monday 22nd February
Last day of term: Friday 26th March

Summer Term

Open: Monday 12th April
Last day of term: Friday 28th May
Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Open: Monday 7th June
Last day of term: Friday 16th July