



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been such a wonderful first half term with lots of new children joining us and settling in beautifully with the help of our older children.

Staff Changes

We had several staff changes over the summer but I'm delighted to say that Carly Richards has taken on the position of Preschool Manager with Emma Lawson supporting her as Deputy. We have also welcomed three new members of staff, Tina Middleditch, Vikki Hassall and Cat Roberson who are already proving to be a great addition to our team.

Term Dates 2022/2023	
5 th September 2022	Return date
1 st September – 21 st October	Autumn Term 1
24 th October- 31 st October	Half term break
1 st November – 20 th December	Autumn term 2
21 st December – 4 th January	Christmas Break
5 th January – 10 th February	Spring term 1
13 th February – 17 th February	Half term break
20 th February – 31 st March	Spring term 2
3 rd April – 17 th April	Easter Break
18 th April – 26 th May	Summer Term 1
29 th May – 5 th June	Half term break
6 th June – 21 st July	Summer term 2

Reminders

Snack:

Snack money is due to be paid for this half term or full term if you would prefer.

The snack charge is 30p per session. If your child attends all 10 sessions a week then this half term amounts to: £21.00 and £21.60 for next half term therefore totaling £42.60 for the whole term. For 5 sessions a week then the payments are £10.50 and £10.50 totaling £21.00.

Please ensure this is paid in advance each half term, Thank you.

Payment preference is directly into our bank account the details are:

Account Name - Birchanger Butterflies Pre-school

Account Number - 00032193

Sort Code - 40-52-40

Please place your child's initials and the word snack in the reference.

Packed Lunches:

Please can I remind all parents that bring in a named packed lunch for their child, that at Preschool we encourage healthy eating, therefore we **do not** allow chocolate bars or sweets. With this in mind, we are also asking you to **not** send your child with Winders, Yoyo Bears or anything similar, these have a very high sugar content and to many children look like sweets.



Also please limit cakes and biscuits to one per lunch. Please can we ask you support this by not sending them in your child's box, if you require other ideas for lunch box contents please speak to Carly.

Naming items

Just another reminder to make sure all items your child brings into the Pre-school are named to enable us to reunite them with their rightful owner should they go missing!

Unfortunately the children don't always recognise their own items or accidentally claim other children's items as their own. It saves the staff a lot of time if items are clearly named.

Photographs

Little Urchins photographers will be coming into the Preschool on **Monday 7th November** for the morning session.

If this is not a session your child usually attends you should have received an email as they are more than welcome to come along to have their photo taken. Please email me if you would like them to attend so that I can book them a slot.

The photos are always adorable and a lovely keepsake for years to come!

Dates to remember

Pre-school Closed (Occasional Day) –
Monday 31st October

Photographs – Monday 7th November

Parents Evening – Thursday 24th November
(email to follow shortly)

Audley End Christmas Trip – Monday 28th
November

Christmas Party/Sing Song – Tuesday 20th
December (details to follow after half-term)

All About Me

This term our topic has been 'All About Me' we have been exploring our family roots and having some great discussions about ourselves.

The children have also been looking at their reflections in mirrors and drawing what they see which has produced some very interesting artwork!

The children were able to notice that everyone looks different to each other but can have some similarities too which we thought was very clever!



We hope you all have a fantastic fun-filled half term and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 1st November.**