



BrightSparks@StokeLodge

We're in our third week and what a great couple of weeks we have had! The children have settled really well and have had a busy time exploring. We send a warm welcome to all our new children and families.

Let's introduce the staff, Anna & Linda are the Managers who will be working alongside the room leaders, Hannah in Rabbit Room, Kate in Squirrel room, Karen in Hedgehog room & Emma in Dormouse room. We also have some new members of staff, Jenni Simms working in our Hedgehog room and Louise Cummings who is primarily in our Rabbit room.

Karen works in the front office and is the Finance Director.

Our contact details are as follows, please ring or email to speak to us.

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We do have an absence reporting line for you to text if your child will not be attending, please state your child's name and reason for absence, 07923998231.

Highlights for this term:-

We are using this term to get to know you and your children and therefore our planning will be around the children, their families and the children's interest. Your child's key person has now been allocated and the information will be displayed in the rooms. We would love it if you could supply us with some family photos, which we can display in the rooms.

Tapestry – Please note that this will be our main means of communication to the parents.

Communication books will now only be used on arrangement with the staff. All parents should now have access to view your child's learning journal. Please take the time to have a look and feedback your comments.

Please note the website address to access tapestry - <https://tapestryjournal.com>

If you are having problems logging on please email us and we will reset your password.

Photographs - Concept Photography are coming on **Tuesday 31st October** starting at 8.30am and leaving at midday. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken but they do not normally attend a Tuesday morning session, or there is a sibling you would like photographed, please arrive as near to 8.30am as you can and we will slot you in. As long as you order by the deadline set, your photos will be back by the end of term.

We know some of your children have only just started pre school but for those children starting primary school in September 2018, detailed below are the local schools and their open mornings/afternoon/evenings.

You can apply online or by post from 5th September until Monday 15th January 2018.

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| <p>Stoke Lodge Primary School 2nd October, 9.00am 9th October, 2.30pm 16th October, 6.00pm 13th November, 9.00am 20th November, 2.30pm</p> | <p>Wheatfield Primary School 12th October, 11.00am – 11.45am 12th October, 6.30pm – 7.30pm 1st November, 11.00am – 11.45am 7th November, 11.00am – 11.45am</p> |
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| <p>Bowsland Primary School</p> <p>4th October, 9.15am-10.15am 16th October, 9.15am – 10.15am 17th October, 9.15am - 10.15am 1st November, 5.30pm – 6.30pm 10th November, 9.15am – 10.15am</p> | <p>Little Stoke Primary School</p> <p>21st November, 9.30am</p> |
| <p>Bailey's Court School</p> <p>21st September, 2.45pm 5th October, 9.15am 12th October, 9.15am 2nd November, 9.15am 9th November, 9.15am</p> | |

Lots more information can be found on the South Gloucestershire website
<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/>

Important reminders - grapes are banned from our settings, including lunch boxes. With immediate effect please can you refrain from putting grapes in your child's lunchbox, even if they have been cut in half. Any grapes found in a lunch box will be removed and sent back home at the end of the session.

Can we also remind you that your child's lunchbox **should not** contain sweets, chocolates or nuts and must be clearly labelled. We encourage, promote and support healthy eating.

Our policy is, that if the staff are informed that pain relief medication has been given to your child prior to their arrival at pre-school, they will not be able to attend the session.

A plea from all the staff – when buying your child's next pair of shoes for preschool please can you pick a pair which your child may be able to do themselves. We are encouraging the children's independence by finding their own shoes/coats and trying to put them on but some shoes are impossible for them to do, normally lace ups. Your help would be appreciated!

Rabbit room – please can we ask for you to provide a change of clothes in your child's bag. Also, for those children in nappies, please can you ensure nappies and wet wipes are provided.

Squirrel room - please can we ask for you to ensure your child comes with a waterproof coat. The weather is very unpredictable at this time of year, and the children are allowed to play outside in all weathers. A pair of wellies would also be useful, ours are getting a little worn out!

Please remember to **label everything** clearly, including lunches boxes and drinks cups. Hopefully then we can ensure everything goes back with the correct child!

Reminder – please remember you are not allowed to use the school car park and must park in the local streets, always considering the neighbours.



PRESCHOOL 2017/2018 TERM DATES

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| Term 1 | Wednesday 6/9/17 to Friday 20/10/17 |
| HC Cub/Fox | Monday 23/10/17 to 27/10/17 |
| Term 2 | Monday 30/10/17 to Monday 18/12/16 |
| HC Cub | Tuesday 19/12/17 to 22/12/17 |
| Term 3 | Tuesday 02/01/18 to 9/2/18 |
| HC Fox/Cub | Monday 12/2/18 to Friday 16/2/18 |
| Term 4 | Monday 19/2/18 to Friday 23/3/18 |
| HC Fox/Cub | Monday 26/3/18 to Friday 6/4/18 (closed 30/3/18 and 2/4/18 bank holiday) |
| Term 5 | Monday 9/4/18 to Friday 25/5/18 (closed 7/5/18 bank holiday) |
| HC Fox/Cub | Tuesday 29/5/18 to Friday 1/6/18 (closed 28/5/18 bank holiday) |
| Term 6 | Monday 4/6/18 to Wednesday 18/7/18 |
| HC Fox | Monday 23/7/18 to (to be confirmed) |
| HC Cub | Tuesday 17/7/18 to (to be confirmed) |

Holiday Club – please ensure that you book your place in plenty of time. Booking forms can be obtained from the front office.