

April / May 2021

A very warm welcome back to all the children and their families, especially to our new children, who have all settled in well.



We have been very busy at Pre-School, here are some of the things we did last half term:

- We've celebrated World Book day
- During science week we saw lots of experiments
- We had crazy hair day for Red Nose day
- We took part in an Easter egg hunt
- We celebrated Chinese New Year with a zoom video call from our friend, Linda at Rainbow 88
- The children have also made and named their own fairies to make a fairy trail for the local park, with many parents completing the trail over the weekend!

Meet the team!

We have a new addition to the team, Vicki Hyland, who joined us last half term. Vicki is an experienced practitioner with over 10-years experience of working in the Early Years sector, we are thrilled that Vicki has joined the team at Swann Lane.



Rachel – Manager



Amanda – Deputy



Rukaya – Keyworker



Angelina – Keyworker



Gemma – Keyworker

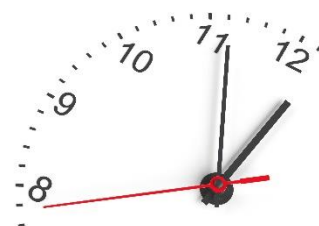


Vicki – Keyworker

Please check the 'class Dojo' regularly, as we use it to share information, send private messages and to send updates. If you have any problems accessing Dojo, please do let us know.



Please would you drop off and collect your child on time. The morning session starts at 9am (unless you have paid to come earlier) and no later than 9.15am if you are dropping off at school first. The afternoon sessions start promptly at 12.15pm and finishes at 3.15pm. If you are collecting before a school pick-up, please do not arrive before 3pm. Should you need to collect your child early as a one off, please let a member of the team know in advance. Thank you.



Packed Lunches

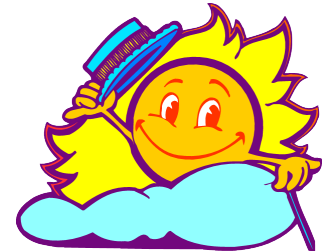
Regarding your child's packed lunch - please ensure that grapes and cocktail sausages are cut length ways. Please note that we are unable to reheat home cooked foods, however we can heat tinned foods and ready meals. Please do not send your child to Pre-School with sweets in their lunch box, thank you!

Please click on the link below for further information on portion control and for packed lunch suggestions.
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Sun cream & sun hats

As the weather starts to improve, we ask that you are vigilant in applying sun cream. Please apply sun cream prior to your child arriving at Pre-School. For those children who attend for a full day, sun cream will be re-applied at lunchtime.

Should your child need a specific sun cream, please send in a named bottle. Please also send your child with a named sun hat.



Spare Clothes

We are always on the lookout for spare clothes, particularly trousers – has your child grown out of their trousers? If so, please could we have them for our spares clothing box.....

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP PRE-SCHOOL COVID FREE

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Book a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.



The main symptoms of COVID-19 in children are:

- 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.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

All parents and carers of nursery/pre-school aged children can obtain the Lateral Flow tests for home testing (not for use on your children) – please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> The tests can be collected from local test centres or ordered for home delivery.

Further information for parents: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

REMINDER: Please ensure that you are socially distanced from other parents/carers when you are collecting your child from Pre-School and that you are wearing a mask. Can we also ask that children do not bring any toys into Pre-School from home – thank you, we appreciate your cooperation.

IMPORTANT - CARPARK SAFETY

Please ensure that you keep your child close whilst entering and exiting Pre-School and walking through the Church carpark. As groups are reopening and other Church users are coming and going, the Carpark can be busy, and we do not want there to be any accidents.



Pre-School will be closed
Friday 28th May – Monday 14th June
(2-weeks) for the Whit Half term break.

Pre-School will close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 27th July

Term dates are on our website:

[SLPS-Term-Dates-2020-21.pdf \(marplechildcare.co.uk\)](#)

To keep your 30-hours extended funding place YOU need to check your details are up to date every 3-months.

Go to: [gov.uk/childcareaccount](https://www.gov.uk/childcareaccount)

Funded Places (government grant) – please note that when you have signed the Parental Agreement form, you have secured your child's funded place for the whole term. You are not able to change your child's funded place during a term, except in exceptional circumstances:

- Family moving to a new house
- Change in child's primary carer
- Change of employment, i.e., new job/unemployment
- Health & Safety concerns (child with long term sickness / child protection)

We require 4-weeks notice of any such event and will claim funding in lieu of this change.

Useful contact numbers:

Swann Lane Pre-School: 07469 706237

Finance/Invoice queries 0161 427 4730

Email addresses:

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admin@marplechildcare.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support,

Rachel & the team 😊

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