



# Autumn newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 5th SEPTEMBER - 19th DECEMBER 2017

Welcome to the Autumn term at Pre-school and a special welcome to all the new children!

We will be covering a number of topics this term, building on the children's interests. We started the term thinking about holidays, as well as having fun with paint and craft activities. Our theme now is 'On the Farm' with a farm shop role play area, and we will be moving on to harvest, where food comes from and healthy eating.



There will be a note in the lobby telling you the theme each week and you are welcome to bring anything connected with the theme for them to show and put on our Interest shelf. Please label any items brought in with your child's name. Later in the term we will be having an Autumn walk and of course lots of Christmas activities! See overleaf for dates.

## Snack Time

Please bring along fruit and healthy snacks for snack time. Breadsticks, cheese and raisins are particularly popular!



## Things to collect

- Used birthday cards for the children to cut up.
- Boxes of tissues are always appreciated!



Our younger children are called 'Caterpillars' and the Nursery children are called 'Butterflies'. If your child is in the Butterfly group you will have had a separate note about their activities.

## Clothing and Pegs

Please remember your children need to wear trainers or plimsolls suitable for physical activities (no open-toed sandals). Also a named coat, wellies etc if it is likely to be cold or wet as we have outside play every day!

Don't forget to leave a change of clothes on your child's peg, preferably in a drawstring bag (named). Please do not leave any food, medication or toys in their bags.

## Parents Rota

A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby - your help is always welcome! If your child is new to pre-school we recommend not helping until after half term when they are settled in.

## Collecting Times

Thank you for your assistance in picking up your children promptly so staff can have their lunch break. Don't forget to check your child's tray for anything to take home.

Other activities for all ages at Cheam Baptist Church can be found at [www.cheambaptist.org](http://www.cheambaptist.org) or please ask pre-school staff. Any non-urgent notices for Pre-school will also be posted on the website.

Please see overleaf for important dates.

Pre-school Tel: 020 8642 5070 (during session times)

Email: [pre-school@cheambaptist.net](mailto:pre-school@cheambaptist.net)

Manager Nicky Chantler: 07938140813 (non-urgent messages)

Leaders Nicky Chantler, Emily Smith, Eugenie Tsang



## Dates for your Diaries



**Harvest Family Service** (children may bring gifts of food for Sutton Foodbank)

Sunday 1st October 10.30 a.m.

**Autumn Walk**

Friday 13th October. We will need lots of help so please keep the day free if you can.

**Nativity**

Thursday 14th December (morning and afternoon shows).

Sunday 17th December 10.30 a.m. repeat performance in church!

**Term Dates**

Half term is from 23rd October to 27th October. Term finishes on Tuesday 19th December and we return on Thursday 4th January.

## What's On at Cheam Baptist Church

**Sunday Service** 10.30 a.m. with groups for children and crèche.

**International Coffee Club** for people learning English as a second language on Tuesdays 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in the Point

**Kid's Club** for children aged 7-11 on Fridays 5.00p.m. to 7.00p.m.

...and lots more for all ages...please ask for details.



## Ideas to do at Home

Play 'shops' with some old food packets and shopping bags.

Do they need to make a list? How much is it going to cost?

Look for signs of Autumn, are the leaves changing colour?



## A Song to Sing

Insy winsy spider climbed up the water spout  
Down came the rain which washed poor Insy out  
Out came the sunshine that dried up all the rain  
So Insy winsy spider climbed up the spout again.



## Keeping the under fives safe online

Childnet has prepared a guide for parents of the under 5's at:

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Keeping-Under-Fives-Safe-Online.pdf>

