

# Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup

October 2021 Autumn Term News (2)

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## Pre-School Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021,  
7.30pm, at Pre-School.**

Our community registered charity pre-school needs your support.

We would welcome family members (Parents, carers, grandparents etc) to join us as new committee members.

**We have chair, secretary and committee member vacancies.**

We meet three or four times a year to work together for the effective and safe running of our pre-school.

**New members will be required to complete a DBS and Ofsted EY2. This will be supported and funded.**

Please contact Sarah O'Toole for further information.

## Family Survey Feedback

Huge thanks to all our families who filled in our end of academic year survey last month.

We were pleased that **100%** of our families said:

- They would be 'very likely' to recommend our setting
- That pre-school has supported their child's 'personal, social and emotional development'
- Our communication met or exceeded expectations

Thank you for your suggestions also. As a direct result of your feedback we are arranging:

- Staff to have identity badges which include name and photo
- Regular Makaton videos for families, to demonstrate each topic or themes signing vocabulary
- Re-introduction of our 'family stay, play and create sessions', as soon as Covid regulations allow

We are always pleased to receive comments and feedback throughout the year. This can be done directly with staff, email, Facebook or anonymously, by popping a letter through our door.

## Tapestry – Online Learning Journal

We have enabled the 'About Me' section on each child's Tapestry account, so it can be edited by their parents/carer login. This is similar to the 'All About Me' form that each family complete for their child, when they start setting. As children's information can change regularly, such as their interests, favourite foods and routine we would really appreciate it if you can edit your child's 'About Me' on Tapestry. After editing it, you can change what you have written as needed, during your child's time at pre-school.

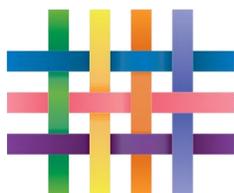
It would be great to see some more Tapestry observation entries by families, or ideas for pre-school targets. We love to hear your news.

## World Mental Health Day

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day. We are continually working with the children to support them to recognise, talk about and manage their emotions. Our early years shape our adult mental health.

Our staff are committed to the mental health of our children and families. In addition to her role at pre-school, Beth is a Cornwall Council trainer for emotion coaching, with specialisms in emotion and attachment concepts. Sarah is our qualified Mental Health First Aider and is currently undertaking a Level 2 Children and Young People's Mental Health.

Please get in touch if you need any support.



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## Home – Pre-School Links

### Please bring in to share

A treasure from nature, such as a pinecone, conker, autumn leaves, for our nature box.

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October it is national 'Bring a stick to school day!' What will we do with our sticks?

### Ideas to continue our learning themes at home

Our October maths focus is using 'finger songs' to support number concepts. You could incorporate finger number songs into daily routines, e.g. 5 Little Ducks in the bath, 5 Fat sausages at meal times. Have fun with song and experiment with changing words to fit your activities.

### Oral Health Home Link

Please add an observation to Tapestry congratulating your child on their tooth brushing skills. We would love to see photos of your child's tooth brushing also!



Bring a Stick to  
School Day

## October Themes and Intentions

4<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> October is a seasonal topic '**Farms and Harvest**'. We look forward to changing our role play area to a farm shop, with a real till, kindly donated by a family.

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October theme is '**Autumn and Halloween**'.

We will be exploring these exciting topics using a multisensory approach.

Our mathematics focus for our October learning through play:

- Count in everyday contexts
- 'Subitising' – fast recognition of up to three objects, without needing to count them
- 'Cardinal principle', knowing that when you count the last number you say is the total amount

## Oral Health in Partnership with Parents

We have produced a new 'Oral Health Commitment', as a setting. Thank you for your support with all the information we provided in last month's newsletter.

We are so proud of all the children, with regards to our new supervised tooth brushing at pre-school. Well done families, your children are great at tooth brushing!

We are using the government guidance for 'dry brushing'. Our document, with the full details, can be found on our website using this link: [Healthy Early Years | tywplaygroup](#)

We would like to children to continue to bring a named drink bottle that your child recognizes into pre-school. Please can this arrive empty and your child will fill it at the water station when they arrive at pre-school. If you would like to supply a juice based drink to accompany your child's lunch, this can be left in the lunchbox crate. At pre-school, only milk or water can be drunk throughout the day, in between meals.

Please get in touch with any questions, comments, or to seek support.

Kind regards,

*Sarah O'Toole* 

Sarah O'Toole, setting manager (on behalf of the staff team).