



# Pinvin Community Pre-school Home-link

'Nurturing hearts and minds on a path of possibilities'

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Hello everyone,

Well we have had a busy week this week with our new swimming session creating lots of excitement! The children were amazing and so confident in what could be brand new social situation, we look forward to support and observe them developing their skills in the water.

Tomorrow we have our MacMillan coffee morning held at the setting from 9 -11.30am please do come along and support this amazing cause, and of course bring friends and family. The children will be at forest school as normal and we welcome you to come and see us at our forest school site too, should you wish.

Coming up this week we have a trip to Pershore library on Thursday and our normal scheduled visit to Stonebow on Tuesday for a cooking activity. Please see below for further details of activities we have planned throughout the week.

Zoe and the team.

Slipper socks are for sale in the foyer for £1.50 per pair.



## In the Moment planning

Pinvin community pre-school have adopted a new approach to the planning of activities and resources within the setting. In the moment planning is a concept where the children lead the play and the practitioners facilitate their learning, extending this where possible 'in the moment'. So far this has been a positive experience providing the children with a range of experiences by following their interests in the present time rather than a week down the line when that interest may well be different!

***Example this week: A group of children are in the home corner placing animals in the pretend freezer, this is developed by the practitioner to freeze some animals in water in the real freezer. The children then experiment with how ice melts.***

The change to our planning is work in progress and we will be communicating with you over the next term as we develop this concept further.

## Uniform

Pre-school uniform is now in stock. This is not compulsory however we do advise you bring children in wearing old clothes that you do not mind getting messy! Please see Hana for details.

## Committee meeting

Come and join us for the first committee meeting of the year to hear our plans for your child's preschool experience.

Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Anchor Inn  
7.30pm

Everyone welcome

## Activities

Although we have introduced 'In the moment planning' to the setting we still value the importance of adult led activities to help support child learning and development, we believe a balance of child and adult initiated play is the best formula for success.

Each day the children have at least 4 hrs free play and then short sessions of planned activities. I have detailed these below for your information. Should you want any further information please come and see us or drop me an email.

**Mondays** – Pe session in the afternoon

**Tuesdays** – Outings day – we choose a small group to come and visits to the local community i.e. Stonebow nursing home, local shops, barbers etc. In the afternoon we partake in 'Helicopter stories' promoting imagination and early literacy skills.

**Wednesdays** – Swimming and stay and play am

**Thursdays** – Cooking am / Plus fours session pm

**Fridays** – Forest school session



## Pre-school lunches

We are delighted to offer you the option of a home cooked lunch Monday to Thursday at a competitive price of £2 per meal. Menus will be emailed out to you this week for the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October, paper copies are also available should you prefer. We have worked hard to produce a healthy well balanced menu which will appeal to the children and the feedback so far from the children has been a BIG thumbs up!

## Stay and Play

At Pinvin we have a weekly open morning where you can come along with your child for a play and chat with the team. We can offer advice or support and a cuppa! This is open to all of our current families and for new ones too. Cost £2 per family.



Tea & Chat  
Parent support

## Activities for home - Dinosaur biscuits

Today the children have been getting messy making their own dinosaur biscuits, why not try this at home?

You will need:  
200g soft butter  
200g sugar  
1 egg  
400g plain flour

- 1) Cream the butter and then add sugar
- 2) Whisk the egg and add to mixture, stirring well.
- 3) Fold in the flour to form a dough
- 4) Wrap the dough in cling film and place in fridge for 1 hour.
- 5) Roll out dough and cut into dinosaur shapes.
- 6) Bake in oven 10-15 minutes at 180 degrees.



**Happy baking!**

## Speech and language

Talking, understanding others and knowing what to say are really important skills. They help children make friends, learn and enjoy life to the full. Going from babbling baby to talkative toddler seems like a miracle, but your child needs YOU to help make this happen.

### Top tips for encouraging a communication rich home

- ✓ Get your child's attention -face your child or sit down with them. Say their name before you start speaking. Talk about something you can both see in front of you. This helps them to learn what words mean.
- ✓ Have fun together, use actions, sing, make noises and funny faces. Don't be shy, being a bit silly helps get their attention and makes them laugh.
- ✓ Comments not questions, asking lots of questions can feel like it's a test. Make it a conversation. Comment on what they are doing and what is happening.

One of our favourite comments to make in pre-school is 'I wonder.....' this opens up great conversation and promotes a healthy talking environment.

# Dates for your diary

## Autumn term

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee morning

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Village hall meeting

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Committee meeting 7.30pm The Anchor

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Library visit

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Harvest festival at setting 11am onwards – please note change of date**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> November Holiday Club

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Come along and see us at Lower Moor Bonfire night

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – First day back

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Time-lock photography will be in the setting to take photos of individual children (great for Christmas gifts)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in need coffee morning 9 – 11.30am

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Preschool AGM

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Provisional date for church visit

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas trip to Santa train

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Dress rehearsal for Nativity

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of term and Nativity in the evening.

## Spring term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Holiday club

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - First day back

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Committee meeting Anchor Wyre piddle 7.30pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns night and Chocolate bingo evening

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Trip to Pershore Abbey

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Parent open evening

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentines Party

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Holiday Club

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – First day back

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Shrove Tuesday

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World book day

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Committee meeting Anchor Wyre Piddle 7.30pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Visit to church at 1.30pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter fun day and last day of term

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Holiday Club

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – First day back

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Pre-school committee meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Time-lock photography group photo

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Committee meeting Anchor Wyre Piddle 7.30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Pershore carnival – come and see us on our stall!

### **Summer term**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Holiday Club

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Holiday Club

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Term starts

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Committee meeting Anchor Wyre Piddle 7.30pm

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Summer fete

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers photos

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Summer trip

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Visit to the church 1.30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term show

***Please note additional dates will be added throughout the term, please read your Home-links for more updated information.***

***Dates may also change but we will inform you immediately of these changes.***