CHAPEL LANE PRESCHOOL

APRIL 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break with your families. This term we are welcoming Karen Hancock to join our team. Karen is qualified and has a wealth of experience working with young children. She is already a preschool parent and member of the committee so many of you will recognise her!



Miller's Ark Mobile Farm

We are excited to have a mobile farm visiting preschool on **Tuesday 1**st **May**. The farm will

bring a variety of animals including chickens, ducks, geese, rabbits, guinea pigs, sheep, pigs, goat and a miniature pony. Children will be encouraged to interact closely with the animals and will be allowed to stroke them. Staff will encourage learning about animals looking at different types of feet, beaks etc. Children will be encouraged to consider how we care for living things and treat them with respect. If your child is not in session on a Tuesday but you would like to visit please let me know and we will allocate you a time slot.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is on **Saturday 16th June 12-3pm** so please keep this date free! It is our main fundraising event of the year and usually raises a substantial amount of money for us to invest into the preschool. In the run up to the event we will ask for donations of **old toys**, **sweets** and **bottles** for the tombola.



Upcoming Events

May 1

Millers Ark Visit

May 28

Half Term

June 16

Summer Fair



PLEASE ensure your child arrives at 8:45 or 9:15 and is collected at 3pm or 3:15. We still have a few families who are not adhering to these times which disrupts the session in the morning and is unfair on staff and the child who is left waiting at the end of the session.

School Transition Meetings

If your child is due to start school **this September** we would like to invite you to come in and meet with your child's key person. The purpose of this meeting is to talk about any concerns that you may have about your child starting school and any areas that we feel they need support with before starting. These meetings will take place week beginning Monday 21st May. Please come and let us know the best time for you to come in. Also ensure you have told us which school your child has been allocated a place at as we will begin our transition work with their new teachers.



CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear depending on the weather! On sunny days sun hats are needed as we do spend long periods of time outdoors. All children should have a bag with spare clothes in case they get wet! Make sure all clothing is labelled. We will be sending out an e-mail about our policy on sun cream.



We love to see new things that your child is learning to do at home or hear about new interests they have. To share these with us please upload a photo and comment to Tapestry. If you would like to but are unsure how to do so please ask a member of staff and we will happily give you a quick guide!

Lunchboxes

We are not able to keep lunchboxes in the fridge so as the weather warms up please put a small ice pack in your child's lunchbox particularly if you are giving them yoghurts, cheese dunkers etc.