



Crossways Term 4

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4 28/02/22 – 08/04/22

TERM 5 25/04/22 -27/05/22

TERM 6 06/06/22 – 15/07/22

INSET DATES

25/04/21

15/07/22

LETTER OF THE WEEK

28/02/22 – V

07/03/22 – Y

14/03/22 -- X

21/03/22 -- S

28/03/22 – A

04/04/22 - REPEAT

SEE WHITE BOARD FOR MAKATON
SIGN

Coronavirus – If there is an outbreak within setting we will contact Public Health and they will advise us what happens next. As parents we ask that if your child is poorly then keep them home, if you are sending your child do not give Calpol as it is masking what could be wrong, it wears off by lunch time and they then cannot cope with the rest of the afternoon, you may get a call to collect them. We will continue to wash hands throughout the day. We are one room and a drop in staff may mean we will have to reduce numbers or shut.

Tapestry – Reports will be coming out at Easter, they are on the main page of Tapestry, you cannot access the report through the app. You can use tapestry to communicate with us through the pictures you upload.

Theme – People who help us, we are looking at different professions, the children can talk with you about the activities they do related to the profession. We will be using Makaton as well, the white board has information regarding the signs. We will also have water, sand, play dough, gloop, moon dust, baking and being outside as much as we can. The last week 04/04/22 is recycling, can you bring any boxes, tubs, plastic pots or tubes so the children can make models to bring home.

Committee - The next committee meeting is Wednesday 23rd March 2022 @ 8.00pm, this will be held in person at Crossways.

Letter of the WEEK - each week is a new letter, we will teach the phonic sound alongside the action.

Makaton, children are being taught different words also learning nursery rhymes with signs.

Voice magazine – They asked us if they could do a write up in their magazine about our recent GOOD OFSTED report, below is the link if you would like to read it.

https://issuu.com/thornburyvoice/docs/thornbury_voice_march_2022_new

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/> you can support us using this link when shopping on – line. Click on the link and put First Step Pre-school Limited in the search box.

Weather – The weather is getting better, can you ensure they have a change of clothing as they are playing in the garden. Wellies are for outside, shoes are for inside.

Absence - If your child is not going to be attending their normal sessions can you e-mail crossways@firststeppreschool.co.uk or phone 01454 867283 to let us know. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must be kept home until they have gone **48 hours** without symptoms (this does not include the day they were sick). If we do not hear from you we will try to make contact. If your child is unwell at pre-school we will ring you to collect. admissions@firststeppreschool.co.uk is not manned every day.

Lunch – The children do only get 30 min for lunch, it is a social time, if they have not eaten much this is because they are talking, if they have not eaten their crisps this is because they have not asked for them to be opened, we are encouraging the children to be independent ready for school. We have no spoons or forks can you ensure they are in their lunch boxes. We encourage the children to drink throughout the day, if you put juice in we will once they have drank it replace with water in their bottle.

School Ready – We are encouraging the children to be independent, asking them to use their words and voice to ask for things, putting coats on and off, shoes and wellies on and off, recognising the letter at the start of their name, if you can also support your child at home to do this as well it will help them to be independent when they start school. Encourage them to open fruit, packets and yoghurts.

Before and after school + Holiday sessions – we offer before pre-school (8am) care. After school till 4pm or 5pm. Email admin@firststeppreschool.com for information/space.

Contact us – We are available to speak to you if you have any problems via email or phone, we can make arrangements to meet face to face if you need to. Our mobile phone is 07783574404 or 07718 798826, they are emergency contacts, they are not always heard when we are in session.

Thank you for your support