

Apple Tree Pre-School

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Apple Tree Pre-School aims to:

- provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age;
- work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;
- add to the life and well-being of the local community; and
- offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

Welcome

Welcome to our new children and their families.

The children have all settled into their new routines and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

We welcome Laura to our team. Laura is familiar with Apple Tree as both her children attended our setting, she also spent time with us last year when completing her Early Years Qualification.

Sadly we said goodbye to Katie, she decided to leave Early Years to pursue a new career, we wish her all the best in her new role.

Garden Makeover Vote

We are looking to revamp our garden. Last term we had a couple of companies in to look at our outside area, they have since got back to us with quotes and designs.

The two designs will be on display throughout next week. Please take a moment to look and vote on your favourite design.

The children will also have the opportunity to vote, during their sessions.

Concept Photography

Our photographer will be visiting us on Tuesday 18th October.
If it is not your child's normal session and you would like their photograph taken then please arrive at 9am, siblings are welcome.

Parent Share

We will share observations of your child's learning at the end of each month.
If you have any problems viewing these please let a member of staff know.

Library books and Activity Bags

All the children should have an Apple Tree bag and book. When they would like to change their book, just pop the bag onto their peg in the morning.

We also have a cook bag and activity bag that will circulate throughout the year. The cook bag contains all ingredients needed and is ready weighed out. Should you be offered either bag when it's not convenient please just let us know, it can easily be passed onto another child.

Promoting Oral Health

Oral health is now included in the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

We often discuss cleaning teeth with the children and plan fun activities that promote good brushing.

Over the next week we will be quizzing the children on good teeth cleaning and will be sending them home with a toothbrush and toothpaste as a reward.

Book Theme

Autumn term = Gingerbread Man

Each term with the help of the children we will choose a book which we will base our adult led activities around.

This term we chose The Gingerbread Man.

So far with have experimented immersing gingerbread people in different liquids such as milk, oil, water, vinegar to predict and observe the affects.

Described how gingerbread tastes: sweet, crunchy, crisp etc

Gingerbread crafts using paint, glue and gingerbread cut outs.

Next week

Marble effect gingerbread

Design bridges/boats for the gingerbread man to safely cross the river.

Term Dates & Inset Days 2022/23

Term 1	Thursday 1 st September 2022	Friday 21 st October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 st October 2022	Friday 16 th December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023
Inset Day 1	Thursday 1 st September 2022	AM and PM SESSION
Inset Day 2	Friday 2 nd September 2021	AM SESSION
Inset Day 3		
Inset Day 4		
Inset Day 5		

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