



# Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

## Newsletter

September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We want to give you all a warm welcome to Theydon Bois Pre School.

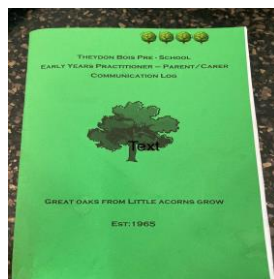
It has been a busy start to the new term so far and we have really enjoyed welcoming back our returning children as well as meeting our new families.

The children are enjoying our topic 'All about me' where they have had the opportunity to get to know more about each other and sing some topic related songs. They have created some magnificent self-portraits, shared their likes/dislikes in circle time and played the 'I am special' game. This game is a simple and fun group activity where an adult tells the children that someone special is inside the mirror. Each child then takes a turn to look inside the mirror and is invited to tell the group who the special person is. This activity always encourages curiosity and generates lots of happy smiles.

### Our new Communication Log book

We were very grateful to receive a donation from the Freemasons at the end of last Summer and decided to use the money to go to a professional printers to create your child's Communication Log. We hope that the books will keep you and us well informed about your child. They are a two way communication and a wonderful keepsake for you.

Please read your child's keypersons comments inside the book and tick the acknowledgement box after reading them. We encourage you to leave comments however, this is entirely up to you. All we ask is that you keep your child's Communication Log safe and ensure they are in your child's bag each time they come into Pre School.



See image of your  
child's  
'Communication Log'

## Meet our sponsors

### Butler and Stag Estate Agents Theydon Bois

Neil and his team are one of our sponsors who organised a very successful fund raising event that took place in May this year that raised over £4000 for our Pre School. Neil and his staff took part in a 24 hour bike ride outside their Theydon Bois branch and we all celebrated with market stalls located in the Queen Victoria carpark which also involved a fabulous raffle with donated prizes from our parents and local businesses.



### Venture Photography South Woodford

Josh and his team at Venture exclusively offer all our families a super package worth £315. The package includes a one hour session in their beautiful studio and a framed print of your choice all for absolutely FREE. If you would like to take Josh up on his generous offer then please collect your registration card from us.



### Theydon Bois Dental Surgery

Mamta is our very own family dentist in the village who often comes into Pre School to talk to the children about the importance of dental hygiene. We recently welcomed Mamta and her dental nurse into the setting where she checked the children's teeth, demonstrated how to clean ones teeth and discussed healthy food/drink with the group. Mamta offers FREE dental checks for children and would love to welcome you to her practice. Please give her a call on 01992 813951 or pop in.



We would love to hear from you if you are interested in becoming one of our sponsors as we would love to help advertise for your business by promoting it to our families in various ways.

We will

- Include your business name on our newsletters
- Add your business name to our website
- Promote your business within our Pre School community
- Invite you to be part of any events we organise
- We will work with you and share ideas to raise awareness for the Pre School and your business

### Key dates

#### Autumn Term 2023

Half term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

INSET DAY – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Return to Pre School – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

INSET DAY – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Break – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

### Reminders

Please can we remind you if your child is not coming into Pre School then please call us and let us know.

We encourage all parents/carers to bring their children into Pre School on the agreed sessions however, if you need to take your child out of Pre School for any reason such as a family holiday/sickness then we ask you to let us know.

Please label ALL your child's belongings (including their lunchbox), uniform and coat as this makes life easier for everyone.

### Important information and language we use

**Starting points** – These were discussed with your child's key person during induction and together we decide on what your child's starting point are on entry in their learning and development.

**Two Year Progress Check** – This is NOT the Health Visitor (HV) check that your child should have had before they start their Pre School journey with us. This is a check that is carried out at your child's nursery if they started one before the age of three. We ask you if your child has had one in their other setting to supply us with a copy of it and if they attend more than one setting and have not yet had the check then we must decide what setting is most suitable to carry out the check.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support so far and look forward to welcoming you to the Autumn term.