

Welcome back to all our children and their families this Autumn Term. We hope you all had a fabulous, healthy and safe summer break. We would also like to welcome our new children and families who are joining us for the start of their journey at Whizz Kids.

We have all had many challenges this year and we are really looking forward to seeing your children and settling them in, where we will be introducing them to lots of adventures and fun! We hope to include some of our popular events, such as our Woodland Pumpkin Trail and Halloween Party, for example, so that our children can all still benefit from these activities.

We are fortunate at Whizz Kids to have at our disposal some unrivalled outside environments for our children's learning experiences. We always like to make the most of these environments with some planned activities (and some spontaneous), such as our "Wild Whizz Kids" sessions – we hope to reinstate these soon over the coming weeks. Outdoor learning has become even more important for children's health and wellbeing during the pandemic and as soon as we have some dates in mind for these outdoor sessions, we will let you know more details.

Both Room 1 and Room 2 have access to outside space every session and children are encouraged to explore these environments with many learning opportunities. We have added lots of new resources this term to these spaces for your children to discover and enjoy. How exciting!



At Whizz Kids we have always been proud to have an "Open Door" policy when talking to parents/carers and other professionals. During this time, current guidelines, issued by Essex County Council state that parents/visitors are encouraged not to enter pre-schools unless *essential*. We appreciate this is not going to be an easy ask. We would like to reassure parents that we feel communication is vital between home and our setting and we can always be contacted during/after your child's session time via text, telephone or email. If you need to speak at length to your keyperson, Sara or Terina, we can also arrange a socially distanced meeting by appointment. The wellbeing and safety of your child, their family and our staff remain at the core of our pre-school and your child's learning and development.

Our COVID Policies and Procedures are currently being updated. These will be available to view on our website and "on-site" at Whizz Kids at the start of Autumn Term. It is essential that these are read and strictly adhered to ensure the safety of all.

DIARY DATES

Start of Autumn Term	7th September	Half Term	Mon 26th October – Fri 30th
MacMillian Coffee Morning	Thurs 24th September	Autumn Woodland Walk	Wed 21st October
The above two “event” dates are to be confirmed due to the fluid situation/guidelines			
Halloween Party	Thurs 22nd October	End of Autumn Term	11th December

Staff News

Whilst we have been away from the practical side of Whizz Kids, all staff have undertaken some personal and professional development, taking courses and taking part in further reading in subjects such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism, Asthma in Children and Adults, Behaviour Management, Makaton, Building Self Esteem in Children, Youth Mental Health and Yoga! Mrs. Deer has also been studying for her CACHE Level 3 Early Years Workforce qualification during lockdown.

All staff completed a **COVID-19 Awareness** Course during Summer Term 2020 prior to re-opening Whizz Kids on 15th June.

A Couple of Reminders!

- If your child has a temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell or any COVID-19 symptoms, they should **not attend and isolate** immediately.
- If children have had sickness and diarrhoea, please leave at least 48 hours after the last symptom before returning to pre-school to help prevent the risk of infection to other children/staff.
- Please notify Whizz Kids as soon as possible if your child contracts chicken pox.



Your contributions are always welcome in this newsletter. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to include or focus on.

“Virtual” Open Door Policy As always, please remember mums, dads and carers, you can discuss any concerns or issues with Sara/Terina. At the current time, this can be done via email/telephone call. Your child’s LearningJourney and progress notes are also always available to look at/or discuss and contribute to.

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