

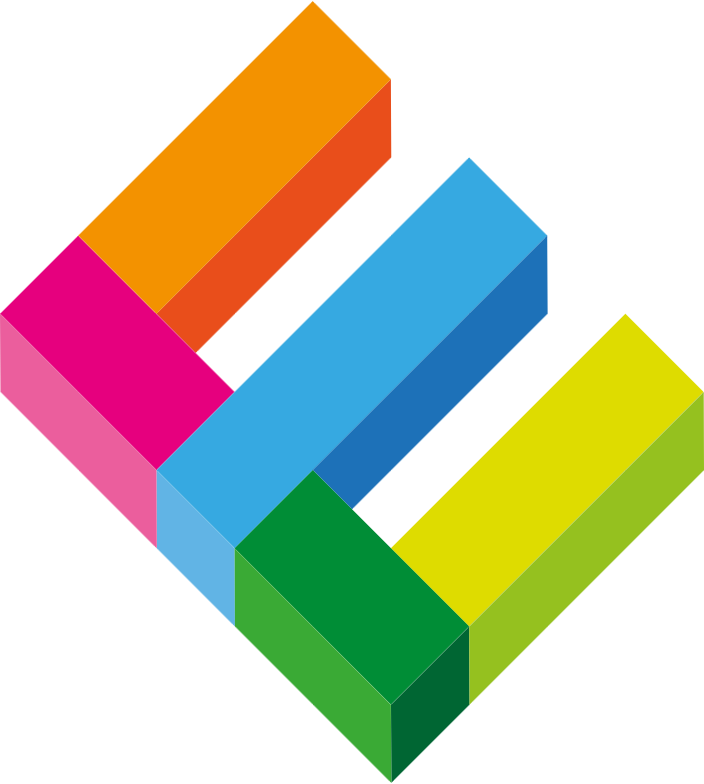
**Starting at**

**Chirton Pips Pre-school**

with Forest School Sessions

**January 2021**





Chirton Pips Pre-school

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Dear Parent / Carers

We would like to welcome you to Chirton Pips Pre-school and hope that you and your son/daughter will enjoy your time with us. Just a reminder that we are outside every day, so please do ensure that your child has a complete change of clothes including socks and pants with their waterproof clothes and wellingtons.

Please can you bring in your son/ daughters Birth Certificate to the stay and play session on 4th January 2021. We need to see it so we are able to claim their funding.

We have put together some information for you to share with your son or daughter, we hope that by looking at it together they become familiar with the staff and room.

We have also attached our Welcome Pack. This gives you some more information about Pips and what you need to bring with you. Please note that the guidance from the government at the moment is that children can only attend one setting.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact us.

We hope that you have a very Happy Christmas

**The Pips Team x**

# **The Team**



**Sarah** **Tina**



Penny Louisa

**Inside Pips**

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Our maths areas

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Fine motor skills area

The home corner



Our reading area

**Pips Garden**





**The Woods**











**The Essentials!**

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Behind the curtain is our ‘little’ toilet. A special one just the right size for children.

Our playroom

We hang our coats and bags up outside on the ramp.

One of our favourite activities is making a play dough, here is the recipe that we use.

**NO-COOK PLAY DOUGH RECIPE**

**You need:**

* 2 cups [plain flour](https://amzn.to/2yun3O5) (all purpose)
* 2 tablespoons [vegetable oil](https://amzn.to/2JVZ935) [(baby oil](https://amzn.to/2JYHZCh) and [coconut oil](https://amzn.to/2Idr490) work too)
* 1/2 cup [salt](https://amzn.to/2I8wgv2)
* 2 tablespoons [cream of tartar](https://amzn.to/2ywL9aY)
* 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
* [gel food colouring](https://amzn.to/2K57twO) (optional)
* few drops [glycerine](https://amzn.to/2KbugqI) (my secret ingredient for stretch and shine!)

Method

* Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
* Add food colouring TO the boiling water then into the dry ingredients
* Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
* Add the glycerine (optional)
* Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone. **\*** This is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it’s the perfect consistency! **\***
* If it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right.

**Playdough is an activity that is GREAT for:** developing fine motor skills and muscle strength (needed for writing later on!), recognising circles, understanding that combining materials can create new substances, sensory exploration, pretend play, imaginative skills, language and role play, understanding basic maths.

