



Happy New Year!

Spring Term Newsletter

Preschool News

A warm welcome back to our Preschool! We have a few new starters this term so welcome to our half-termly newsletter.

- We have made some changes to our menu for this term which is available to view on the cloakroom notice board. If any of our other parents/carers have suggestions for our next menu or a recipe you would like to share with us please speak to Jo or Rachel
- We have a display in the main hall for our 'In the Moment' planning so parents/carers can see what activities the children have been doing each week.
- *parents/carers* if you have any skills you could share with the children ie hairdressing, doctor/nurse, cooking, crafts or other occupations please let us know and we would love you to do a demonstration!

Children's News

The children have had fun making dragons as part of learning about Chinese New Year, the year of the Rat! Last week we had chicken stir fry for lunch and has a go at eating it with chopsticks.

Can you help us? We are in need of:

Small Wooden Bricks
Cardboard boxes for model making
Spare socks
Cameras
Dolls (Barbie/Disney)

Fundraising news

Our next fundraising events will be raising money towards a new computer for the preschool room

Session Times and Fees

Spring Term Invoices have been emailed out, if you have any difficulty viewing the invoice please let Tracy know and a hard copy can be printed. Please ensure payments are made in a timely manner.

If you wish to book additional sessions to those agreed on your session agreement these MUST be paid for on or before the day. The same applies for additional school lunches.

Sessions Fees:

Morning 9am-12noon	£11.00
Afternoon 12noon – 3pm	£11.00
Hot Lunch and pudding	£3.00

Due to rising running costs we will be adding a £2.00 contribution per child per week to our invoices from thje Summer Term 2020 (eg 12 week term = £24),

This contribution will go towards snack, consumables such as tissues and wipes, play-dough making, resources for baking with the children more often and help us to keep the session fees and hot lunches the same.

To find out if you will be eligible for 30 hours funding & Tax free Childcare to help with the costs see www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Preschool Holiday dates

We are closed Friday 14th February for staff training

Closed w.c 17th - 21st February for Half Term

Back in Monday 24th February 9am

A full list of 2019/2020 term time dates can be seen on the Preschool cloakroom notice board.

Important Information

Car Park & Railings

Please supervise children in the car park at all times, and please do not let them climb on the railings outside Preschool.

Snack Contribution

Our suggested snack donation will be rising to £2 per week from Summer Term 2020 and will be added to the invoice.

Absences

If your child will not be attending Preschool on their normal days please ensure you let us know by phone by 9:15am. If you are on holiday please let us know at least the week before so we can update our records.

For funded children – if attendance drops below a satisfactory level due to absence then the free entitlement is at risk and you may be asked to refund the relevant amount of funding to the provider

Suitable Clothing

Please make sure children wear clothing which is easy to manage when using the toilet or having their nappies changed (ie no playsuits) They should have at least one set of spare clothing, labelled with their name and stored in the clear bag on their peg. If your child has to borrow Preschool spare clothing please wash them and return to us in a timely manner.

If you wish to order some of our Preschool Uniform which is hardwearing and ideal for messy play then please collect an order form from the office.

Nappies

If your child is in nappies please make sure they have adequate spares in their bag. Please only put your child in pull ups if they are toilet training as staff may have many children to change

Pick up

Children should be collected promptly at the end of their agreed session, with the diversions which are occurring on Stainland road please allow adequate travel time. If they will be picked up by someone different to person on the registration form please inform your child's key person and the person collecting must know the password. Persistent late pick up by more than 5 minutes will be charged at the normal session rate.

Packed Lunches/Allergies

Due to a number of egg allergies at Preschool, please can we ask that parents do not include egg items in lunchboxes.

Many Thanks for your continued support,
Preschool Staff