



## **Newsletter - January 2024**

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year with your children and made lots of memories!

We have got some new children joining us, so we are really looking forward to getting to know them and introducing them to the amazing activities we provide. The pre-school team are looking forward to sharing this next half term with the children and have many opportunities planned. I have attached to this newsletter our half term parents home learning sheet so you can continue to support your children's learning at home.

### **Staffing**

Due to the expanding numbers, we have at both our Preschool and Nursery site we have been fortunate to recently recruit Jess who will be working between both sites. Alongside her employment Jess is currently doing an Early Years Degree, so working with our babies right up to our Preschool children will help Jess gain the experience she needs for her qualification. For all of the new parents, the staff at preschool are as follows:

**Claire Hull** - Senior Manager/DSL

**Toyah Riley**- Deputy Manager/SENCO/DSL/ Key person

**Jayne Robins** - Pre-School Key person

**Jenn Tanner** - Nurture room Leader/DSL

**Laura Heath** - Pre-School Key Person

**Hannah Mcginley** - Preschool Key Person

**Nicki Ireson** - Preschool Key Person

**Jessica Blantford**- Preschool Practitioner

**Julie Williams** - Afterschool care practitioner

**Clare Green** - Forest school Leader/ Afterschool care practitioner

**Jenny Saunders** - Afterschool care practitioner

We have allocated your child a key person who will carry out any developmental paperwork that supports their learning. All staff work closely

with all of the children so we try and choose the key person that we feel suits your child. We value your opinions so if you feel that a different member of staff would work better then please do come and speak to myself or Toyah.

### **Forest school**

Forest school continues to be hugely popular at Preschool and we are really proud that we are able to offer this fabulous learning opportunity. Clare our Forest School Leader provides the children with activities which enables them to take risks in a controlled environment, the children gain skills to help them grow in confidence, form relationships with adults and peers and work cooperatively with others. It also provides children with opportunities to appreciate the natural world around them and learn to care and respect their environment.

Our first Forest school of the year was a chilly one so luckily Clare had made us a fire so we could keep ourselves warm! As the weather is continuing to be chilly please could you make sure that your child has suitable warm clothing in Preschool including hats and gloves.

### **Reminders**

- **Tapestry** – Please do continue to access your tapestry account for your child, it showcases our wonderful activities and gives you an idea on what your child has been up to at Pre-School. You can also add pictures from home for your child to share with their friends during circle times. The staff will add your children's information to our Tapestry suite so you should receive an email to activate your account.
- **Healthy Eating** – As you are all aware we have a Healthy Eating Policy in place at Pre-School so please provide your child with a healthy snack for break time. We are also a '**No Nut**' setting so please make sure you are checking your children's food items for any traces of nuts or may contain nuts. These can not be brought into Preschool.
- **School applications** need to be in by the 15th January so please submit them if you haven't already.

Have a lovey Half Term

Claire, Toyah and the Team