



Preschool Newsletter - March 2024

Well, I was hoping that Spring was in the air but as I'm sat here writing our latest newsletter, it seems very gloomy and there is a definite chill in the air! Let's hope we start to see signs of spring very soon!

We welcomed some new additions to our Preschool in January; the children have all settled really well and are enjoying the fabulous opportunities we provide. Easter is not too far away so I have just finalised our Easter Holiday Play Scheme which Tina will email out to you this week. The dates are Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April. Please fill out a booking form if you require a space. Please note Preschool will be closed on Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April.

Half term learning

As always, attached to the newsletter is our half term learning overview which outlines our topics for this half term. We are focussing on 'Our World' while also looking closely at recycling. There are lots of brilliant ideas to support your child's learning at home so please take a look!

New Government Funding

As you are all aware the government have announced a new funding plan for Early Years Settings where all children will be funded from the age of 9 months. You will have received information from Tina regarding the funding and how this will work for the setting. We are still in the process of trying to navigate this so please bear with us. As you know the cost of living has increased significantly, and the minimum wage is due to go up in April so we need to consider this when making our decisions.

New door system

Firstly, the team and I would like to thank you for your co-operation with the new door system in the afternoons. Due to the increase in numbers at preschool and also the varied collection times, we were finding the afternoon circle times were becoming increasingly disruptive for the children. By having set collection times the staff can make sure that all children leaving at these points are

ready. We do understand that there maybe times where you will need to collect your child before 3:00 or 3:30 so please let a member of staff know at drop off and we will ensure that we accommodate this.

Easter craft stay and play.

We would like to invite you to an Easter Stay and Play on Thursday 21st March. This will be from 1:45-2:45 and will finish with an Easter Bonnet Parade. There will be crafts available for you to do with your child and a chance for a cuppa and a chat with other parents! There will be Easter Bonnet resources available on the day but if you would like to make one at home and bring it in then we will look forward to seeing the creations! The children will then take part in a parade outside (Weather permitting!) There may even be some tasty treats too. If your child doesn't normally attend on a Thursday, then you are more than welcome to still join us.

Tapestry Competition

During the Easter holidays get your memories sent into tapestry to be entered in our prize draw! Tapestry is a fabulous tool to share experiences between preschool and home. The children love being able to show their friends their pictures and it's a great communicative tool for them to talk about their experiences. If you are having any problems accessing tapestry please talk to a member of staff. Key workers add learning moments to tapestry each week and we invite you to also share moments from home.

Toys from home

We are seeing an increase in toys being brought in from home which is proving difficult when bits are misplaced at the end of the day. Please could you encourage your children to leave their toys at home. Comforters are absolutely fine and we understand how important they are to your children.

Reminders:

- Please make sure all children's belongings are labelled as we have an array of unclaimed items of clothing
- World book day is Thursday 7th March - We invite your child to wear their pj's to preschool and bring in their favourite book

As always, if you have any questions, please ask!

Kind Regards

Claire, Toyah and the Team