

Spring Term Newsletter 2019

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Welcome back and we trust you had an enjoyable Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year.

2019



Term Dates

Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 8th January

Thursday 4th April

Half Term

Mon 18th Feb—Fri 22nd Feb

Easter Holiday

Fri 5th April—Tue 23rd April

Good Friday—19th April

Easter Monday— 22nd April

Inset days

Monday 7th Jan INSET Day

Friday 5th April INSET Day

Topic's for this term (for the full focussed activity list please see notice board outside the pre-school main door)



PSED— Children will take part in more confidence building activities.

CL— Encouraging children to discuss within a group by listening & responding to ideas expressed by others in conversations or discussions. E.g talking about what they did over the weekend.

PD—Promoting healthy eating and encouraging children to eat a range of fruits and vegetables. We will also be encouraging children to put their coats on independently. More activities to develop their fine motor skills.

UW— Children will be planting flowers and helping them to grow.

EAD— Children will be taking part in music/dance/drama. They will be listening to music and dancing. There will be more emphasis on ICT.

MATHS— Children will be learning positional language through circle time and playing games. Number recognition activities.

LITERACY— More pre writing activities will be done.

Topics to come are: Family and Home, Fun with colours, Healthy Eating and Feelings & Emotions.

Snow

In the unlikely event the preschool has to close due to snow, a decision will be made by 8am and parents will be notified via phone or email. So please check if we remain open and travel to us only if you can do so safely.



Dates for your diary

January

- Parents Week— Date TBC

February

- Healthy Eating
- Shrove Tuesday

5th March

Children will be having pancakes for snacks and they will be participating in making pancakes.

- Chinese New Year

5th February

Children will be making Chinese lanterns, fans and cooking noodles.

March

- World Book Day
- St Patricks Day

17th March

We will be going green for St Patrick's Day.

- Mothering Sunday

31st March

Children will be making a special card for their Special person.

- Trip — To be confirmed

April

- Easter Celebrations



Parents/Carer please note we have a...



NO
Cameras



NO
Mobile
Phones



NO
Food/
Drink

Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place in January. Your key person would like to meet you to discuss your child's learning journey, we can also discuss any concerns you have. A slip will be given to you with the allocated time. If your are unable to make this time please speak to a member of staff.



Nut Allergy

We have children that have severe nut allergies. Please remain vigilant when sending your child into pre-school, that they do not have any nut products (all nuts) in there bags. We also ask parents not to bring in any treats (such as Birthday Cake) unless they have checked the ingredients carefully. Packaging must be checked to ensure the product is safe for nut allergy users.



Healthy Eating

We encourage children to eat healthy. Children who stay for lunch are not permitted sweets/bars of chocolate or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. We ask that children do not have grapes or cherry tomatoes in their lunch boxes unless they have been cut in half, as they are a choke hazard.



Please note that our Policies and Procedures can be located on our website or can be found on the preschool notice board/foyer. A P&P booklet is also available on request for a cost of £5

Clothing

Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing for the Autumn Term, for example, jumpers, rain coats, hats, wellies etc. Please name your child's clothing for easy



Spare Clothes

Please provide your child with spare clothes in case they need to be changed.



Scooters

Please do not leave any scooters unattended, as the pre-school cannot be responsible if they break or disappear. They are also a health & safety risk.



Photography Day

The date is yet to be confirmed. Starting at 9.00am Approx. Please bring siblings and children not attending, who wish to be photographed, at the start of the session.



Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn in preschool, in particular hooped earrings please. This is a health and safety requirement and we cannot be responsible for lost items.



Updates

Please remember to inform us if any information changes for example:



- Your phone number
- Your home address
- Your email address
- Your child's allergies
- Your child's medication
- Your emergency contact details

Stay and Play

These sessions are designed to encourage parents and carers to come into the Pre-School to support their child's play and education and to give you an idea into how the Pre-School runs. The purpose is also to offer high quality provision with a safe, informative and simulating environment which is welcoming and supportive to all. It should also give you ideas, activities and opportunities that can be replicated in the home environment, for example the use of treasure baskets, the making of play dough etc. These sessions are planned to stimulate and challenge your child. Also to promote their healthy lifestyles e.g healthy snacks. Please see a member of staff if you are unable to attend but would like to be involved.



Letters and Newsletters

If you require any additional copies of any correspondence sent to you advise Ruby.



Sickness, Holidays & other absences

Please ensure that you let us know as early as possible that day if your child will not be attending for any reason. This is an important requirement for all parents and carers.



Follow up information

If we have any urgent or follow up notices we will email them. So ensure you give us an up to date email.



Storing buggies.

Please can we ask all parents who bring in a buggy to store it in the garden and ensure nothing is left that may be harmful to the children, we also ask you not to leave it at the entrance of the pre-school. This is a fire hazard and a safety concern. If the garden door is locked when you arrive please ask one of the staff to open it. Please also make sure that you do not leave any food on the buggy.



Holidays

Please be aware that the Local Authority will not grant holiday during term time as this could affect your child's Free Early Education Entitlement. As a setting we can only sanction 2 weeks holiday (during which fees are still payable). Parent/carers who have arranged for their child to be taken out during term for a longer period of time will forfeit their child's space. You may re-apply when you return and if there are any vacancies we may be able to offer one to your child.



Information sharing

We would love to hear if your child has done anything during the break. You may wish to include photos which then can be added to our parent/carer notice board.

Children's in tray

Please remember to empty your child's in tray regularly. This will give you an opportunity to discuss what they have made and what they did at the pre-school.



Recycling

We need your newspaper, plastic pots, empty cereal boxes and cartons for our junk modelling. No plastic bottles or toilet roll tubes please.



Mobile Phones

These must not be used once inside the Pre-school.

