

January 2020

Newsletter



Hello everyone and a very happy new year to all of you. We are pleased to see you all back and ready for a new term. We hope you all had a lovely holiday and Christmas break.

We have started January with the topic of Winter and have lots of exciting activities planned for this term. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year during the week beginning 20th January.

Children who are in our preschool group (those going to school in September) will take part in a daily letters and sounds session, designed to give them the skills they need for early reading and writing. These children will also take part in a daily activity with an adult focussing on extending their knowledge and skills in Maths.

We are planning a variety of different activities throughout this term to provide the children with a rich learning experience. These include: Forest School on the Scout Field, Zumbini with Hayley, a trip to the library, a visit from the dentist, a walk to the local shops and taking part in learning about different festivals such as Chines New Year and Easter.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to speak to your child's keyworker

Diana André
Preschool Manager

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that came to the Christmas party, it was lovely to see all the children having fun.

We hope the children enjoyed meeting Santa.

Also thank you for all our lovely Christmas gifts, they were definitely appreciated!



Snack

The children enjoy fruit at snack time, please continue to bring in a small amount of fruit to share each week or other items such as crackers, breadsticks, cheese



Reminders

- Please remember to keep your child at home if they are ill. If children have been sick, they need to be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.
- Children's own toys need to stay at home as we can't always keep track of them, meaning they may get lost which is upsetting for the children.
- Each child needs a bottle with their name on for water or diluted juice. Please no fruit shoots.
- At lunchtime staff put empty packets back into the children's lunchboxes for you to see what they have eaten. This means lunchboxes will be dirty and need to be cleaned. Lunchboxes also need a small freezer pack to keep them cool.
- Please NO NUTS or foods containing nuts. We are a nut free preschool due to some children with allergies.

Book Share

On Monday 27th January and Tuesday 28th January we are inviting parents to come into the preschool at the beginning of their child's session for 5-10 minutes to share a book with their child.

We will be encouraging all the children to look at a book when they first arrive on these two sessions.



Don't forget to check Tapestry and add any comments or observations onto your child's learning journal.

We also have a Facebook page, which you can follow. We often post updates to show you what the children have been doing.

Share session

We are asking parents if they would like to come into preschool at the end of their child's session to share activities on Friday 14th February. 11.15am for the morning session and 2.30pm for the afternoon.



Attendance

We have noticed that some children are not using all of their sessions each week. Although there is no legal requirement for children to be in education at this age, children that are funded are expected to use all of their sessions. Suffolk County Council may remove the funding for a child if they are not using the sessions. Please make sure your child is attending their sessions if they can.

Welly Boots

You may have noticed that we have a lovely new gate in our garden area through to the scout field. This will make it much easier for us to use the field without having to walk along the road. Please make sure your child has a pair of welly boots in preschool with their name on.



Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

8th January 2020 – 3rd April 2020

Half Term: 17th February 2020 – 21st February 2020

Easter Break: 6th April 2020 – 20th April 2020

Summer Term 2019

21st April 2020 – 16th July 2020

Half Term: 25th May 2020 – 29th May 2020

Winter

We are thinking about Winter this half term and want to give the children lots of new words to learn, here are some of the words we will be using:

Ice, cold, gloves, hat, scarf, icy, icicle, snowflake, snow, igloo, polar bear, penguin

When you are out and about see if your child can notice the signs of winter and talk about them, using some of our new words!