

January 2018

# 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. Also welcome to the new families that have joined us this term. We hope you all had a lovely holiday and Christmas break.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term. We have started with the theme of Jack and the Beanstalk and have been telling the story, making a beanstalk and exploring different types of beans. Children who are in our preschool group (those going to school in September) will begin to learn some of their letter sounds during their focussed phonics session, as well as learn the skills needed for early reading and writing. These children will also practice writing their names, counting and recognising numbers to 10 (and, for some, beyond) as well as all the usual preschool activities that they take part in.



## Snack

Thank you for bringing food to share at snack time. We particularly enjoy sharing unusual fruits and tasting new flavours, look on the board for ideas for fruit. (The Big Five!) We also need items such as crackers, cheese, breadsticks, crumpets, ham or bread.



## Reminders

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 and the staff even have a few chocolates left over in the kitchen which are helping us get through January!



- 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.

- We spend a lot of time outside; please make sure your child has suitable clothing for this cold weather. Also make sure all items are named to help us keep track of coats, gloves, hats, scarves and shoes.

- Please also make sure your child is wearing clothes that are easy for them to take off and on when using the toilet or changing their shoes.

- If you have been asked to fill in a funding form, please could you do this asap as we need this in order to claim the funding you are entitled to.

## Lateness

We've noticed that lots of children are arriving late to the sessions, particularly in the morning. We open the door at 9.15am and like to close it after 10 mins to get on with the session. Children coming in late is unsettling for them and the children already in the setting.

## Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

9th January 2018 – 29th March 2018

Half Term: 12th February 2018 – 16th February 2018

Easter Break: 30th March 2018 – 16th April 2018

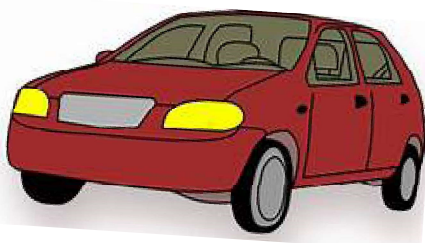
Summer Term 2018

17th April 2018 – 24th July 2018

Half Term: 28th May 2018 – 1st June 2018

## Parking

Please remember to park considerately. Wisdom have very kindly given parents permission to use the car park at the top of Colne Valley road when dropping off or picking up their children.



## Headlice

We do have cases of headlice at preschool. Please make sure that you check your child's hair regularly, using a headlice comb and conditioner, treating with lotion if necessary.

We also recommend that children with long hair keep their hair tied back while at preschool.

## How can I support my child's learning?

As we are learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, here are a few ideas to try with your child. Also the pantomime Jack and the beanstalk is on at Haverhill Arts Centre at the end of January, perhaps you could go and see the show!

Imagine a giant beanstalk grew outside your house. Draw a picture of the beanstalk and what is at the top.

When you go to the supermarket have a look at all the different types of beans there are.



The beanstalk was very tall, can you find five things in your house that are taller than you?

If you had 5 beans and then dropped one, how many beans would be left?