

TILLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2018

Welcome back to pre-school. We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are now well into the spring term and we will be making crafts for our back wall display and to bring home to put on the wall and generally learning and having lots of fun! We need to say a big welcome to Amelia-Rose, Austin, Lewis, Marco and Olivia who have joined our pre-school since our last newsletter. We hope that they all have fun and enjoy their time with us.

Please remember that we have a '**COMMENTS BOOK**' on the table by the door. Please feel free to read or to write any comments you may wish to share with us.

THEME

Our theme for this term is 'Under the Sea'. We have already begun to fill our back wall with some of the lovely fish collage pictures that the children made and some took home. The children also made some rocks and pebbles to go at the bottom of the sea. During circle time we be reading books around this theme to spark the children's imagination. They have already said that we should make a pirate ship, treasure and a mermaid to go on the wall so they will be keeping us extremely busy this term!!! We will encourage the children to talk the world beneath our oceans and ask questions to spark the children curiosity and understanding of the world around them.

WE ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE SEALIFE CENTRE IN SOUTHEND ON 3RD MAY 2018. DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEARER THE TIME.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

The older children who attend these sessions have been doing lots of activities around learning their colours. We have also been doing lots of counting and grouping games. We have had some talking and listening sessions to encourage their communication skills and build their confidence and self esteem. To build upon this we will be encouraging the afternoon children to bring in **one** special thing to 'show and tell' in front of the group during this

term on a Monday or a Friday. A note will be sent to inform you which day applies to your child. This could be a photo, a toy, art work etc that they are proud of and want to show others.

MEDICINES

If your child is taking any medication which may need to be administered during the session please **DO NOT leave it in your child's bag. Please hand it to a member of staff who will ask you to complete a form to give us permission to administer the medicine and details of dosage needed.**

ALL LUNCH CLUBS - COST £3

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY FOR CHILD'S LUNCH AT THE START OF THE SESSION. NO OLD ROUND POUNDS PLEASE! More information about days and times will be available on our website (www.tillinghampreschool.co.uk) or speak to a member of staff.

CLOTHING

The children will have access to the outside area during every session, so can you make sure that you child brings in the appropriate clothing for the weather each day, including a coat for cold weather. Can you also ensure that your child has a change of clothes with them in case of 'accidents' or if they should get wet or dirty whilst playing. Please mark your child's belongings clearly with their name.

FEES

PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE THAT ALL FEES ARE PAID WITHIN **3 WEEKS** OF THE BEGINNING OF TERM, INCLUDING ANY OUTSTANDING FEES FROM LAST TERM. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE ABLE TO PAY STAFF, PAY HALL HIRE FEES AND BILLS, PROVIDE SNACK, PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES, FUND END OF TERM PARTIES AND ENTERTAINMENT ETC. If you have any difficulties with fees please speak, in confidence, with Karen or Annette.

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FOOD AND DRINK

Please can you ensure that children attending pre-school (or their siblings) **DO NOT** bring food, sweets or drink into the Village Hall. It can also be upsetting for other children if one child has sweets and others do not, so we would prefer it if you would please wait until you are outside before giving children food, drinks or sweets. **ALSO PLEASE ENSURE NO FOOD, DRINK OR MEDICINES ARE LEFT IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG HANGING ON THEIR COAT HOOK AS THESE BAGS ARE OFTEN OPENED AND ANOTHER CHILD COULD EASILY ACCESS THEM.**

LEARNING JOURNEY (Your child's learning and development record)

Please remember that these are available for you to look at, take home to look at or add to at any time. Please speak to your child's key person if you would like to take a look at them. Please also check out 'What to expect, when' on the website or via our Facebook page to find out what you can do together with your child at home to enhance and further their learning and development. If you do any of the fun activities suggested please send in photos so that we can add them to your child's Learning Journey. If you would like a printed copy these are available at a cost of £2 each.

CONTACT DETAILS

Don't forget if you change any of your contact details please let us know so that we can amend our records. It is so important to have these up to date so that you can be contacted in an emergency.

If there are any other points that you wish to discuss please feel free to speak to a member of staff to arrange a time to suit you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st March 2018 - World Book Day
Dress up as your favourite character.

29th March 2018 - Easter Church Service.

3rd May 2018 - closed for voting
Trip to SeaLife Centre

20th July 2018 - Last day of term,
graduation and end of term party.

28th March 2018 - Stay and Play with your child making Easter Crafts if you would like to. Meet other parents/carers/staff. Open to all pre-school children but if your child does not usually attend on a Thursday you will be expected to stay with them. School lunch club will still run.

3rd May 2018 - Closed for voting
TRIP TO SEALIFE CENTRE

TERM DATES

Spring Term: 2018

2nd January 2018 - 29th March 2018
Half Term: 12th - 16th February 2018

Summer Term: 2018

16th April 2018 - 20th July 2018
Half Term: 28th May - 1st June 2018
May Bank Holiday: 7th May 2018

Autumn Term: 2018

4th September 2018 - 13th December 2018
Half Term: 22nd - 26th October 2018

Spring Term: 2019

7th January 2019 - 5th April 2019
Half Term: 18th - 22nd February 2019