

TILLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2018

We hope you all had a fantastic half term break as we begin our final half term of the school year.. As we are now into the summer term **PLEASE REMEMBER TO APPY SUN CREAM TO YOUR CHILD ON HOT SUNNY DAYS BEFORE THEY COME TO PRE-SCHOOL.**

This term we will continue to make crafts for our back wall display and to bring home to put on your wall and generally learning and having lots of fun!

We need to say a big welcome to Stanley, Thomas, Grace and Holly 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 comments you may wish to share with us at any time.

THEME

We are going to continue with our theme 'Under the Sea' as we still have lots to do and the children have enjoyed it. We have already begun to fill our back wall with lovely fish and jelly fish pictures as well as a lovely big mermaid that the children made. The children also made some rocks and pebbles to go at the bottom of the sea. During circle time we have been reading books around this theme to spark the children's imagination and they have been giving ideas of what we should make next. They suggested that we should make a shark, shells and a treasure chest next so that should keep us busy for a while!! We will encourage the children to talk about the world beneath our oceans and we will be asking questions to spark the children's imagination and encourage curiosity, discussions and understanding of the world around them.

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

Please remember that these are available for you to look at, take home and add to at any time. Please speak to your child's key person if you would like to take a look at

them. It would be lovely to see photos and comments of birthday parties, family events, days out or holidays added. These pictures and comments do help us to get to know and make closer relationships with your child and so are important for your child's well-being and learning/development at pre-school.

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 further enhance 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.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

The older children who attend these sessions have been doing lots of fun activities around learning their colours, shapes and numbers. 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. We have introduced Bertie the Bear to the children and each week we will be picking a name out of a cup and that child will be able to bring Bertie and his little suitcase home for a 'sleepover'. Parents are encouraged to write about Bertie's visit in a log book which the child can show to the others on Bertie's return. So far this has proved to be very popular with the group and the parents and he has even gained more outfits and accessories and has now had to buy himself a bigger suitcase!!

We have begun our PE sessions in the afternoons. The children are encouraged to dress/undress themselves so please start to encourage your little one to dress/undress themselves at home as they will have to once they start school! On a Monday/Friday please also try to ensure that they are wearing clothes/shoes that are easier to take off/put on by themselves as they sometimes get upset if they can't do it which does nothing for their confidence and self-esteem

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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. 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.

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.**

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARENT'S EVENING - 29/06/18 (Friday) to be confirmed - 5pm -7pm- Speak to your child's key person to book an appointment time

SPORTS DAY - 28/06/18 (Thursday) for **ALL** pre-school children even if they don't usually attend on Thursdays

GRADUATION AND SUMMER PARTY - 20th July (Friday) open to all pre-school children - letter to follow with more details - no school dinners!

FLOWER SHOW - 28/07/18 (Saturday)
Meet at the bend at the top of South Street at 1pm dressed as a scarecrow for the parade!

TERM DATES

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

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