

TILLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome back to pre-school. We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We have now entered into the autumn term and we will be making crafts and preparing for our Christmas play and generally learning and having lots of fun! In July we said goodbye to our older children who went off to school but now we say a big welcome to our new ones, Betsey-Rose, Ella-Rose, Freddie, Jack, Maggie and Roman who have joined our pre-school this term. We hope that they all have fun and enjoy their time with us.

SEE ATTACHED LETTER FOR 50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE 5

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 'Pets'. We have already had a visit from Freddie the tortoise and Jessie the dog which the children really enjoyed. During circle time we will encourage the children to talk about their pets and ask questions to spark the children curiosity and understanding of the world. A local vet is coming in to talk to the children about how to look after their animals. Feel free to send in any photos of your child with their pet that they can show to others and add to their learning journey.

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. 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.**

TOYS BROUGHT INTO PRE-SCHOOL

We are happy for younger children to bring in COMFORT TOYS to pre-school during their settling in period.

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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.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term:

04/09/2017 - 15/12/2017

Half term 23rd Oct - 27th Oct

Pre-school break up on 15th December

Spring Term:

02/01/2018 - 29/03/2018

Half term 12th February - 16th February

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

Wednesday 10th October 2017

Flu Jab 9:30 a.m. in the village hall - **for the children registered at Tillingham Doctors Surgery only**

Friday 17th November 2017

Children in Need Pyjama Day £1 donation

Thursday 14th December 2017

Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation

Monday 11th December 2017

St Nicholas School Nativity dress rehearsal

For children attending this session only

Friday 15th December 2017

Christmas Play and Party

Last day of Term a.m. only

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