

TILLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN TERM (2nd Half) NOVEMBER 2014

Welcome back to pre-school. We hope you all had a really enjoyable half term break. We would like to welcome Nathan to our pre-school and hope he enjoys his time with us.

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.

PRE-SCHOOL WEBSITE

At long last Tillingham pre-school have joined the 21st century and have launched, with the help of Cyan Distrubtions who have set up our website free of charge and Connor Murray (Annette's son) who designed it for us, our fabulous website. Please log on to www.tillinghampreschool.co.uk to have a look. The website contains blogs of the children's activities, newsletters, term dates, policies and procedures and lots of other useful information and links.

THEME

Our theme this term will be 'People that help us' and children will be taking part in activities relating to this. We will be talking about doctors, nurses, dentists and the police and fire services etc. If you have anything related to the theme that you think the children would find of interest and would extend their learning please feel free to bring it in and we promise to look after it! We are going to organise a bus ride around the Dengie as part of this theme, there will be an authorisation form sent out as soon as we know the date.

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COFFEE MORNING - THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

We are holding a coffee morning on Thursday 13th November from 9.00am until 12.00pm so feel free to pop in at any time during this period. This is an opportunity to come in to pre-school and play with your children, make some crafty bits. You can mingle with other parents/carers/family members and of course members of staff. The children's Learning Journeys will be available for you to look at with your child. **Please remember if you are attending and it is not your child's usual pre-school session you will have to stay with them. THERE IS NO LUNCHBOX CLUB THIS DAY!!!**

CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday 19th December 2014 at 9.00am until 12.00pm. We will be putting on a Christmas Play and the songs for you to practice with your child will be coming home soon, so look out for them in their red bags. There is a Hamper List that will be out each morning if you would like to donate some items for the pre-school. Perfect Party People will be turning up and our special guest will be here to meet the children in her grotto.

LEARNING JOURNEY

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.

LUNCH CLUBS

Don't forget that we run a 'Lunch Club' for our morning children on a Wednesday and Friday, from 12.00pm until 1.00pm. Two members of staff accompany the children over to St. Nicholas School, where they can have a lovely lunch in the hall with all the 'big' children. We find that the children really enjoy this and it really does help with their transition to school, so it will benefit your child in the term before they are due to start. It makes them aware of their surroundings and familiarises them with the school environment. The teachers often come over and introduce themselves and talk to the children. The children also get to see their friends who have previously left pre-school who also come over to say hello. **The cost of this is £3.00 per lunch payable weekly.** For this the children receive a hot meal with bread and butter, a desert and water is supplied for them to drink. We have always received excellent feedback about 'Lunch Club' and see it as very beneficial to those children getting ready to take that big step to primary school. We had a really good response last term so please could you let a member of staff know if you wish to send your child.

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THURSDAY LUNCHBOX CLUB

Our Thursday Lunchbox Club was very successful last term. If you would like your child to attend, we ask that you send your child in with a suitable **healthy** packed lunch and drink in a lunch box with their name on. This club has proved popular and the children love to see what others have in their lunch box and to sit around the table with the staff who run it. We have a story whilst the other children go home and then some singing at the end of the session. It is in the Village Hall from 12.00pm until 12.55pm and is **£2.50 per session**. For regular attendees, Karen will send home an invoice for the amount due for the term and due to the numbers of children now attending it would be less confusing if fees are paid promptly at the beginning of the term rather than on a weekly basis. If anyone has any difficulties please speak, in confidence, with Karen or Annette.

If you would like your child to attend please speak to a member of staff.

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.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 3rd September 2014 - Friday 19th December 2014
Half Term 27th October - 31st October 2014

Spring Term:

Monday 5th January 2015 - Friday 27th March 2015
Half Term 16th February - 20th February 2015

Summer Term:

Monday 13th April 2015 - Wednesday 22nd July 2015
Half Term 25th May - 29th May 2015
May Bank Holiday 4th May 2015

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