

TILLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MAY 2019

Welcome back, we hope you all had a fantastic Easter Break and enjoyed the lovely warm and sunny weather over the bank holiday weekend. A very big welcome to our new children, Charlie, Franklin, Mason, Murphy and Scarlett and we hope that they all have fun and enjoy their time with us at pre-school.

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 at any time.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL PARENT/CARERS

We have a child at pre-school with a very severe nut allergy and have therefore decided that the pre-school should become a **NUT-FREE ENVIRONMENT** to minimise any risk of life threatening allergic reactions to her and potentially, any other child.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING SNACKS/DRINKS INTO PRE-SCHOOL. IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS LUNCH CLUBS PLEASE ENSURE THEIR LUNCH IS FREE FROM ANY NUTS OR PRODUCTS THAT 'MAY CONTAIN NUTS'.

If you are unsure or have any questions please ask a member of staff.

ALL LUNCH CLUBS - COST £3

Monday - Lunch Box Club

Wednesday - School Dinners @ St Nic's

Thursday - Lunch Box Club

Friday - School Dinners @ St Nic's

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY FOR CHILD'S LUNCH AT THE START OF THE SESSION.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

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 and footwear (no open-toed sandals please) for the weather each day, including a coat for cooler weather. **As the weather improves please remember to apply suncream to your child before pre-school and supply a sun hat. 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. We have also had lots of incidences of misplaced clothing/shoes/wellies/bags so to ensure your child comes home with all their belongings please mark all of your child's belongings clearly with their name.

THEME

We are continuing on with our theme this term which is 'People Who Help Us'. During circle time we will be reading books around this theme to spark the children's imagination and encourage curiosity and questions to enable them to better understand the world and people around us.

DAILY MILE

We introduced the Daily Mile back in September and it has proved to be very popular with the children and staff. It seems to help to settle any upset or grouchy children as well as improve behaviour, overall health and fitness. Inactive lifestyles can lead to children being at risk of developing a range of adverse medical conditions during childhood and beyond into adulthood. Active children generally have better blood sugar regulation, improved bone density, less body fat, lower blood pressure.

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.

MEDICINES

IMPORTANT - 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.

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 as we have a child with a severe

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allergy. It can also be upsetting for other children if one child has sweets and others do not, **IMPORTANT - PLEASE ALSO ENSURE NO FOOD, DRINK OR MEDICINES ARE LEFT IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG HANGING ON THEIR PEGS AS THE CHILDREN COULD EASILY ACCESS THEM.**

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

The older children who attend these sessions will be doing lots of fun activities around learning their colours, shapes and numbers while they play and have fun. We will also be doing group talking and listening to build upon their communication skills, their confidence and self esteem as well as teaching them to take turns and not talk/shout over each other! A 'show and tell' list has been done so check it to see when it is your child's turn to bring in something to show their peers.

We will also be continuing with our PE sessions and the children are getting much better at undressing/dressing themselves for this. However, please be mindful of what your child is wearing and try to ensure that they are able to put on and take off clothing and shoes themselves as it can affect their confidence if they see their peers are able to dress independently but they are struggling and need help.

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 pay the full amount you can now pay by BACS but please remember to return the invoice slip to Karen/Annette once paid. If you have any difficulties with fees please speak, in confidence, with Karen or Annette.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS & ABSENCES

Please ensure that you give at least one months notice of any term time holidays. This is so we can adjust child:staff ratios, resources and plan accordingly. **If you fail**

to do so you will still have to pay for your child's sessions even if they do not attend.

Please also **telephone daily** to let us know if your child is going to be absent due to sickness or other reasons. We do have to keep a record for Essex County Council.

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. Don't forget to 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 23rd May 2019 - Fire Station Trip
- letter sent home in red bag
Tuesday 25th June 2019 - Sports Day
Wednesday 17th July 2019 - Graduation and end of term party

TERM DATES

Summer Term: 2019
23 April 2019 - 24 July 2019
Half Term: 27 May - 31 May 2019
May Bank Holiday: 6 May 2019
Autumn Term: 2019
3 September 2019 - 19 December 2019
Half Term: 28 October - 1 November 2019
Spring Term: 2020
6 January 2020 - 3 April 2020
Half Term: 11 February - 21 February 2020

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