

TILLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2020

We are so pleased to welcome everybody back to pre-school after such a long break due to the Covid 19 lockdown. We are pleased to be back with the children and I'm sure that lots of parents are glad we are back too!!! The new drop off/pick up system is working well and seems to be calmer than the old system through the narrow and busy hallway. The calmer and quieter environment seems to be having a positive effect on the children's emotions and we have had very few tears or upset. The children (and parents!) have adapted well and the children seem very happy and settled. We have some new children who have also joined our little pre-school so a big welcome to Joshua, Erin, Cruz, Rose, Layla, Ruby, Henry and Walter, we hope that they enjoy their time with us.

Please remember that we have a '**COMMENTS BOOK**' for parents/ carers. Please feel free to request it to read or to write any comments you may wish to share with us at any time.

OFSTED INSPECTION

As you may be aware we had our Ofsted inspection on 25th February 2020. The inspection report is now available to view on our website under 'Links' www.tillinghampreschool.co.uk

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:

2nd September 2020 to 11th December 2020
Half Term: 26th – 30th October 2020

Spring Term:

4th January 2021 to 26th March 2021
Half Term: 15th to 19th February 2021

Summer Term:

12th April 2021 to 21st July 2021
Half Term: 31st May to 4th June 2021
May Bank Holiday: 3rd May 2021

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 telephone daily on 01621 778803 (from 8am) 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. Please DO NOT use Facebook to inform us.

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. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY SNACKS/DRINKS INTO PRE-SCHOOL OR LEAVE FOOD/DRINKS IN THEIR BAGS. 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.

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.

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ALL LUNCH CLUBS

Lunch Clubs have been suspended for the time being.

Learning Journey. If you would like a printed copy these are available at a cost of £2 each.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

Please keep an eye on the daily weather conditions and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the day. They will have access to the outside area at all times so as the weather gets colder and wetter they will need a pair of wellies and a coat as well as their indoor shoes or slippers.

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.

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

(tillinghampreschool.co.uk), your printed copy given to you when your child started 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

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