

TILLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2022

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely extended half term break!! Since our last newsletter we have welcomed several new children to our little pre-school and also said goodbye to staff member Aimee Pope. Our new children are Benjamin, Bonnie, Agatha, Maisie and Fletcher and we hope that they all have lots of fun and enjoy their time with us.

Please remember that even though you are still unable to enter the building for the moment we are all still available should you need or want to speak to your child's key person face to face.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARENT/CARERS

FOOD AND DRINK

**WE ARE A NUT-FREE PRE-SCHOOL.
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.**

ILLNESS

If your child is unwell and/or has any COVID symptoms please do not bring them into pre-school as they will inevitably pass on any germs/virus's to others. Pre-school children play very closely together and often explore their environment by putting toys and their fingers into their mouths. Please be mindful that some families have vulnerable members.

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.**

**MEDICATION SHOULD BE IN A BAG OR
BOX CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE
CHILD'S NAME AND HANDED 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.**

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

Please ensure your child has a coat and welly boots with them **as well as a pair of indoor shoes such as trainers.** Please try to ensure that their indoor shoes have easy to use fasteners so that they can try to put them on themselves to encourage their independence, confidence and self-esteem. The door to the garden will remain open throughout the morning to allow free-flow play for the children so please dress them appropriately as it can feel quite cool indoors as well as outdoors.

TERM DATES

Spring Term:

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 1st April 2022

Half Term: 14th February - 18th February

Summer Term:

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd July 2022

Half Term: 30th May - 3rd June 2022

May Bank Holiday: 2nd May 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World Book Day - 3rd March 2022

£1 donation - Your child can dress up as their favourite character from their favourite book.

Red Nose Day - 18th March 2022

£1 donation for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Friday 1st

April - All Parents to attend - details to follow

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.**

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QUEEN'S JUBILEE

The children will be learning about the royal family during the coming weeks in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are planning craft activities and our back wall display around this topic.

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.

HOME/SCHOOL LOG BOOKS

Your child's home/school log book has been replaced in their red school bag with a 'Parents Comments Book'. Your child's key person will keep their home/school log book and write in it about their day at least once a week at home and will send you a copy via messenger/text/email. We have found that this is working really well and there was more feedback received from parents. It also gives the staff more time during the session to play with and to settle in the new children. Parents can use the new 'Parents Comments Book' to write to us or pass on messages for that day as our mobile phones are not available during the session.

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

Don't forget to keep us updated with any changes to your personal contact details so that we can amend records. It is so important to have these up to date so that you can be contacted in an emergency.

IMPORTANT: 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.

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