



# Tillingham Pre-School Newsletter

## Spring term 3



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after the Christmas break, we have all been enjoying the stories about Father Christmas and what he left. We would like to welcome Bonnie, Penelope, Ivy and Arlo this term, we hope they have a fun and enjoyable time with us.

As you are aware Annette has had her last session with us after 17 years. She will be missed very much by us and the children but we wish her all the best in her new home.

## Topic Our favourite food



This term our topic will be about our favourite food. We hope this will get the children talking about food they like and we look forward to hearing and seeing some wonderful creations. We will be drawing, colouring pictures and cutting around food pictures in magazines. We hope to make some models through junk modelling and playdough so watch out for some masterpieces coming home.



### School readiness sessions

During the school readiness sessions this term we are going to work on our 'fine motor' skills. This is a very important part of development, it involves small muscles working with the brain and nervous system to control movements in areas such as the hands, fingers, lips, tongue and eyes. Fine motor skills help children with eating, writing, manipulating objects and getting dressed.

Activities to implement this will be chalking on the floor, the egg squashing game, using tweezers and threading.

### Reminders

Please ensure that your child brings a coat every day and a pair of wellies as we can never trust the British weather and we always try to go outside!



Please name everything, it makes it so much easier for the children (and us)

**Please do not bring any food or drink into the hall except lunch boxes on a Monday, please remember we are NUT FREE.**

If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to Karen or Emma, alternatively feel free to send a message to your child's key person.

Please visit our webpage: [www.tillinghampreschool.co.uk](http://www.tillinghampreschool.co.uk)

### Special events

January Birthdays  
Maddison - 14th

February Birthdays  
Chester - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Freddie - 28th

22nd - 29th January we will be celebrating Chinese New Year - the year of the Rabbit. We look forward to trying new foods and exploring the traditions.

14<sup>th</sup> February is Valentines day, so I'm sure the children will be getting creative.

21<sup>st</sup> February is pancake day - yummy!

### Important Dates

Spring term: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January -  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Half term: 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Easter Holidays 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April

Summer term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April -  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

1<sup>st</sup> May - Mayday bank holiday  
8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday for Coronation of the King  
Half term: 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

