

Westborough Pre-School Spring Newsletter



January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to everyone and a big welcome to all our new children and parents, I hope you all have had a restful and fun filled Christmas break.

Library:

We will be introducing a library book system within pre-school. The children will be able to choose their own book from a selection we have. They can take the book home and read it with you. I have attached a leaflet to the newsletter with ideas of things to do with your child when reading and how important reading is to your child. Books will be changed on a fortnightly basis and the children will be issued with a library card to keep track of the books they have read.

Wednesday Afternoons

As you are now all aware we are able to use the hall on a Wednesday afternoon for Pre-School. If you would be interested in an extra session please let me know.

Topics this term:

Our topic this term will be: People who help us. The children have shown a great interest in the lives and occupations of other people so we are using that as the base for our topic. We will be asking the children which occupations they would like to learn about and I will keep you informed on a weekly/fortnightly basis as to which occupation we will be looking at. We will be singing songs including Miss Polly had a dolly, 5 current buns, a big red bus and the wheels on the bus. Books we will be looking at include Old MacDonald had a farm and the wheels on the bus. If you have any books or information relating to the topic please send it in with your child.

Ellie the Elephant:

Our pre-school elephant has proven to be very popular with the children and they are all very excited if they get to take her home for the weekend. She is sent home on a Friday and we ask that she is returned on Wednesdays. If you are unable to take pictures please just write

a few sentences telling us what she has done with your child. It's lovely for the children to come in and share it with their friends.

Term dates for spring:

Open: Wednesday 6th January to Wednesday 10th February

Closed: Half Term Thursday 11th February to Friday 19th February

Open: Wednesday 24th February to Thursday 24th March

Closed: Easter break Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April

Important information:

If you change any of your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, please can you make sure you notify us in writing or by email. It is very important that we are able to contact you while your child is at Pre-school. Just a reminder that if anyone else is picking up your child please inform a member of staff and ensure that the person collecting knows your password.

General Reminders:

Please can you make sure that your child has a **NAMED** small bag with a change of clothes, nappies/pants and wipes left **UNDER** their peg. A pair of **NAMED** wellington boots to keep at pre-school is essential for when the children are outside. If your child stays for lunch please can you make sure that their lunch box and drink cup are **NAMED** as we have many that are the same! Can I also remind you that we operate a no nuts policy which includes Peanut Butter and Nutella.

Please remember if you take your child's profile home to sign it out and inform the Key Person that you have taken it.

Boards

Just to remind you we have a parents information board in the foyer with lots of interesting things to do and helpful tips. We also have a Key Person board with your child's picture next to their Key Person. If you haven't provided your child's Key Person with some family pictures please could you do so as we make them up into a book and the children enjoy sharing them with their friends.

Thank you all for your continued support if you have any questions please come and see me or a member of the team.

Kind regards,

Ally Houghton
Westborough Pre-School Manager