

Westborough Pre-School Spring Newsletter



January 2015

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.

Welcome to new staff:

I would like to introduce you to Carly Matheson our new member of staff who will be joining us for the morning sessions. Carly has 5 children and has been working in a pre-school as a volunteer, please pop in and say hello to her. The rest of the team is made up of me, Lynn (Deputy Manager), Jeni and Claire.

Parent table:

There will be a parents table in the entrance hall, it will display any relevant pre-school information as well as leaflets from our Early Years Advisor and local events taking place within the area, please take a look when you get a chance.

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. 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.

Communication books:

There will be a small change to our communication books. Instead of them being written in every fortnight they will be shared with you by your child's key person if there is any relevant information about your child or pre-school that they want you to know. If you would like to write in your child's book about any concerns you have, or questions or if you just want to share some information from home please hand it to your child's key person.

Topics this term

For the first half term our topic will be Winter.

Our book will be: Say hello to the Snowy Animals by Ian Whybrow & Ed Eaves

Colour: Blue

Songs: Roly Poly, Wind the Bobbin up and The turtle Song. I have attached the words to these songs if you would like to sing them at home.

Second half term our topic will be Spring.

Our book will be: Doing the Animal Bop by Jan Ormerod and Lindsey Gardiner.

Colour: Yellow

Songs: 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, Sleeping bunnies, Baa Baa Black sheep

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 7th January to Friday 13th February (6 wks)

Closed: Half Term 16th February to 20th February (1 wk)

Open: Wednesday 25th February to Friday 27th March (5 wks)

Closed: Easter break 30th March to 10th April (2 wks)

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.

Our family board has been very successful, thank you to everyone who has sent photos in. If your child is starting this term please could you send in a few photos for our board? Thank you all for your continued support if you have any questions please do let me know.

Kind regards,

Ally Houghton
Westborough Pre-School Manager

SONG SHEET

ROLY POLY

Roly Poly ever so slowly, roly poly faster

Clap your hands very slowly, clap your hands faster

Tap your knees very slowly, tap your knees faster.

(During the song the first part is said very slowly and the second part very quickly).

WIND THE BOBBIN UP

Wind the bobbin up, wind the bobbin up, pull, pull, clap clap clap.

Wind it back again, wind it back again, pull, pull, clap, clap, clap.

Point to the ceiling, point to the floor, point to the window and point to the door, clap your hands together 1,2,3 put your hands upon your knees.

TURTLE SONG

I have a little turtle, his name is Tiny Tim I put him in the bath tub to see if he could swim

He drank up all the water, he ate up all the soap and now he's lying in his bed with a bubble in his throat.

Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, b-u-b-b-l-e.....POP

(whilst say bubble we pretend we have a bubble in our hands that is getting bigger and bigger until it pops)

Did you know that singing to your child is one of the best things you can do?

Studies have shown that listening to music helps children's language,
social, emotional, memory and co-ordination development.

HAPPY SINGING!