



Early Summer Term Newsletter 2021



Covid procedures over half term

If your child develops covid-19 symptoms/ received a positive test **within 48 hours of their last session** at preschool then we need to be informed immediately.

Children's 48 hour periods will slightly differ, depending upon their last day.

To contact me after preschool has closed, call the preschool phone (07964436779). This will be forwarded to my phone.

Text messages and emails will not reach me, so please call only.

If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will call you back as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that you only call this number to report covid symptoms/ test results.

If your child does have Covid-19 symptoms/ positive test during the holidays (starting 2 days or more after their last session) then it does not require contact tracing back to preschool. If you are still isolating when we return, please email/ call as usual to inform us that your child will not be in. All emails will be answered on Monday 7th June.

Invoices

Invoices for late summer term 2021 are being sent out this week. If you have not received one by Friday morning, please let me know. These are due at your child's first session back in the term. We would prefer contactless payments via BACs but if you need to pay via cash or cheque then please let me know so we can arrange this.

The bank account details are at the bottom of your invoices.

If you have any queries regarding your invoice, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are finding it difficult to pay your invoice, then please speak with me and we can arrange a payment plan and/or changing your hours to make this more manageable.

Staffing

As you will be aware from a previous email, we are currently recruiting for new members of staff to cover mine and Holly's maternity leave. Our last days will be Friday 23rd July. We will keep you informed of the staffing situation as soon as possible. As always we will try to keep the changes as minimal as possible for the children.

Reminder

Please can we remind parents to pack a water bottle and your child's day diary into their bag. It is important that we have both these items each day.

September hours

Please let me know by **Friday 11th June** if you would like to change your child's hours in September. Current hours are honoured, even if your child is moving room. Hours changed after this date are not guaranteed as we need to arrange staffing around this. We are already looking to be busy in September, but I will do my best to work to everyone's preferred hours.

September 3/ 4 year old funding eligibility

If September is the start of the term after your child's 3rd birthday, then you will be entitled to government funding to pay for hours attended.

15 hours (universal funding) are guaranteed, and you need to do nothing for this, other than book in your preferred hours with me. The setting claims these on your behalf and we will send you a parental agreement to sign in September to give us permission to do this.

You may also be eligible for 30 hours (extended entitlement). This needs to be applied for by parents and is an additional 15 hours funding per week. We need to have a successful application and working eligibility code by Friday 23rd July, ready for starting in September 2021. I contact parents individually to support this at the start of next half term.

Fylingdales Primary School Transition Days

All parents should have received a letter from Fylingdales School with the dates for transfer days. These begin from Monday 7th June. Debbie will be attending the first transition session to be a familiar face and help with settling.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to take the children up to school from preschool, so your child will need collecting and taking to school. This is due to staffing ratios, both for taking the children to school and for those children remaining in the setting.

The children will have lunch with us at 12pm before you collect them.

Other Primary School Transition Days

We are still working with other schools to arrange transfer days. We will let you know as soon as these are organised.

Leavers Party

We are hopeful that we will be able to hold leavers party this year in some form. This will probably be for the children leaving for school only. We will keep you updated with information on this.

It is unlikely to be a full setting event due to restrictions. Fingers crossed, next year we can host a huge end of year party as we have done in previous years.

Photo Day

Richard Saltmarsh will be attending the setting on Friday 11th June. He will be taking the end of year photos for all the children. We have had excellent results each year with Richard and have been working with him for the past 6 years.

If your child is booked in on a Friday session, then you do not need to do anything. We will support Richard in getting your child's photo taken. Please send them in that morning dressed in the clothes you wish them to be photographed in (we promise to have no messy play out!). Pack a separate outfit into their bag if you wish them to be changed after the photo.

If your child is not booked in on Friday, then you needed to book a timeslot to attend. Please let me know if you have not done this yet and wish to do so.

Parents will need to bring their child at the start of their timeslot. Due to covid restrictions, parents will need to wait outside, and a member of staff will assist with photos. Richard is usually quick so you shouldn't be waiting too long. Please arrive on time, if you are going to be late, please call us.

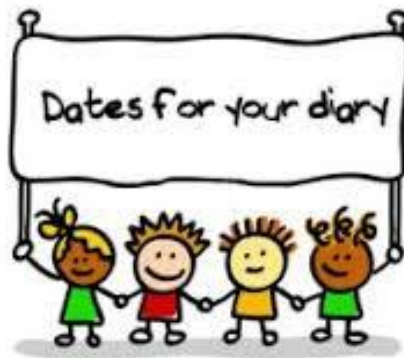
Richard will also be taking the leavers photo. This is a lovely tradition and keepsake for the children who are leaving for big school! Traditionally, this is taken in fancy dress! Please pack a fancy-dress outfit if you would like to. If your child doesn't want to wear fancy dress then it isn't a problem, they will still be included.

Volunteer Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to Gina Nickleson from Bay Creations for making us some beautiful new curtains for our playhouse!

The playhouse will be painted over the half term and we have some new summer plants ready to go in.

We will also be ordering lots of new toys and equipment for outside from our Marathon Movers fundraiser!



Late Summer Term- Monday 7th June- Friday 23rd July

Photo Day- 11th June 2021

Leavers party- TBA

Early Autumn Term- **Tuesday** 7th September 2021- Friday 22nd October 2021