



## Late Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

### **Covid-19 updates and procedures over the Christmas break**

I wanted to thank all our parents and families for their actions since we have returned to preschool.

You have all been so patient with us as we find a new way to run considering the Covid-19 restrictions. Everyone has also been extremely understanding and have been very proactive in taking tests and self-isolating where necessary.

It really has been a team effort in keeping Covid-19 out of our setting and we are so grateful to each family for making this possible.

*Please note the information below regarding track and trace when we first break up for Christmas.*

**Please report symptoms (and subsequent test results) to me via the preschool phone number (07964436779) if your child develops symptoms within 48 hours from their last day at preschool.**

**As each child's last day is slightly different, the 48-hour period will be slightly different for everyone, so please keep this in mind. Any symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of your child last being in the setting need reporting to me. If you are unsure, please call me.**

It is vital that you continue to inform me of symptoms and positive cases so that I can work alongside public health to identify contacts and then inform families that they will need to self-isolate.

What this should mean is that by Christmas Eve (at the latest for those who need to be in on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December), there should be no track and trace contacts at all relating to the setting. So, if I have not contacted you by then, there should be no need to isolate via a connection to our setting.

The preschool phone will be forwarded to my phone from Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, please do not email or text as these will not come through. **Phone calls only will come through to me.** Please only use this for Covid related concerns/ reporting. If you do need to speak with me about any Covid concerns please do contact me, I am always happy to speak with you.

Following on from this, please ensure you remain vigilant regarding symptoms, isolating, testing over the Christmas break. I will be back at work from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January so please report any positive

cases that have occurred after Christmas Eve, then. If you are unsure, please do not attend the setting until you have spoken with me.

I know everyone wants to enjoy Christmas, but please follow the guidelines and restrictions that have been placed on this. We would like to have a safe return in January, please support us with this.

If anyone has any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

### Christmas party



Thank you to everyone for making our Christmas party so enjoyable! We were so pleased that all the children could attend! They enjoyed lots of party games and were amazed that Santa managed a visit whilst they were outside playing! Their faces were a picture when they returned inside and saw the presents under the tree and the photos Santa had left them of him playing with the toys!

### Christmas Singing- Tapestry

We have put up the videos of the children singing at the Christmas Party on Tapestry. They are really lovely, and the children really enjoyed practising for weeks before the performance!

I am aware there was a problem with viewing them yesterday so I have updated the settings so you should now be able to view them.

Please remember not to share these onto any social media platforms, as there are children who are present in the videos who do not have permission to be on social media.

### Suitable Clothing

We are asking that you please make sure your child has a hat, a suitable waterproof coat and wellies. We still have a number of children who are not bringing these in. We spend lots of time outside in all-weather as this is important for children's development. We will be unable to let your child play outside if they do not have suitable clothing, this is in line with our policies.



### Invoices

Invoices for early spring term 2021 have been sent out this week. If you have not received one please let me know. These are due at your child's first session back in the term. We would still 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.

### 30 hour codes- Extended entitlement

Please continue to reconfirm your 30-hour codes, these enable you to access your funded hours. This is only for the families who access the extended entitlement (30 hours). All other funding is claimed by the setting.

### Parental Agreements

Thank you to everyone for getting these back to me. I still have a few that need bringing in so please let me know if you need another copy. They are an important document as this is how I claim the funded hours for your child. These forms are for children who claim the funded hours only.

### Primary School Applications- September 2021 start

If your child is due to start Primary school next year (September 2021) then please ensure that you have applied before the deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. The application form is now available to complete online. I recommend getting this sent off sooner rather than later, especially as it can become forgotten over the festive period! If you are unsure of which school you would like your child to attend then please don't hesitate to contact the schools to arrange visits (Covid-19 restrictions applicable).

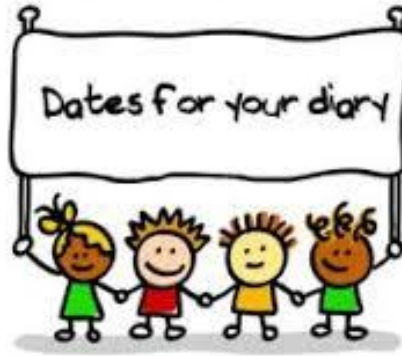
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### Children's hours

Please inform me by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021** if you want to change your child's hours for late spring term 2021. This date is for amending hours starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (the start of late spring term). Funded hours cannot be amended as they are claimed at the start of each full term i.e. January, April and September.

Early spring term hours (5<sup>th</sup> January- 12<sup>th</sup> February) cannot be changed now as they are already staffed to the required ratios.

Requests after this date cannot be changed until Summer Term.



Early Spring Term- **Tuesday** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Closed for training day- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January- Last chance to change hours for Late Spring Term 2021

Late spring term- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Early Summer term- **Tuesday** 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Closed for training day- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Closed for Bank Holiday- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Late summer term- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021-Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Thank you again for your support

Best wishes,

Becky