

## Early Spring Term Newsletter

Please find below information about preschool for the next half term. We hope you have a lovely half term and we will return to preschool on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. I have included dates for your diaries up to the end of the academic year at the bottom of the newsletter.

### Home school learning

Both the toddler room and the preschool room have created activities that can be taken home for you to share with your child. These are based around the topics the children have been interested in at preschool over this past half term. The toddler room have created 'Bear hunt boxes.' Which include an activity and a story to share. The preschool room have 'fairy tale boxes.' These boxes may be sent home to your family over the half term. Please take photos and write a short summary of what you have done with it and load it onto your child's tapestry account. That way we will be able to share this with the children when we return after the holiday. I am sure the children will be very excited to bring it home and share this with you. There are limited amounts of activities, so if you don't have one sent home this half term then you may have it sent home one weekend instead. Please make sure that you return all items back to us ready for the next family to share. Creating a link between home and preschool is very important and it is lovely for us to share what we have been doing.

### Ill health reminders

Please do not bring your child to preschool if they are unwell. As I am sure you have realised it is noisy and busy at preschool which is an unfair atmosphere for a child to be in if they are not feeling well. Additionally, there has been a rise in parents informing us that their child has had calpol in the morning before coming in, please in these circumstances reconsider bringing them in. If you think that they are poorly enough to have calpol for example, then perhaps they are too poorly for preschool. And usually they begin to show the symptoms again once the calpol has worn off. We appreciate that sometimes parents have to get to work or appointments but preschool is not the place for poorly children.

No member of staff is permitted to administer Calpol (or any other non-prescribed medicines) to any child. Medicines can only be administered if they have been prescribed by the GP in the past 3 months. If this is the case, we will enter the details into the medication book for you to sign.

This is to include sickness and diarrhoea (both of these are 48 hours clear after last incident), temperatures, ear infections, flu, etc. We appreciate that children have colds and often have running noses etc which is ok for them to be at preschool. Please use your best judgment for this.

## Spare clothes

If any families are having a sort out of clothes then we would gladly accept them as spares. We currently are very short on girls and boys trousers especially in the preschool room.

Thank you!

## Weather

Please could you ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor wear. We still spend plenty of time outside so wellies, coats, hats, scarfs etc are all needed. We have noticed many children coming without suitable coats on a morning, we spend lots of time outside so please make sure your child has one with them. Children are welcome to leave their wellies on their pegs in a carrier bag if that is easier.



## Arrival time/ collection time

A polite request for parents to please ensure that they arriving and collecting at the correct session times that their children are booked in for. Arriving earlier/ later than expected can have a huge effect upon staff ratios, our ability to prepare for the start of the day, staff leaving/ starting as needed, lunch breaks and so much more. This is especially relevant for opening and closing times!

We understand that parents can occasionally be late due to circumstances out of their control. If you think that you are going to be late to collect then please let us know. We don't mind on the odd occasion but if this is a regular occurrence then we will have to begin charging late fees, to cover the cost of additional staff wages.



## Committee Meeting-Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who attended our last committee meeting!!! We really appreciate parents and grandparents attending these as this support ensures that the setting can stay open!

If you think you would like to join our committee or come along and see what we do, then our next meeting is

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

7:30pm at preschool

Everyone is welcome to come along, we hope to see you there. If you cannot make this meeting but still would like to join the committee then please let us know!

## Invoices

I have sent out the invoices this week for late spring term 2018 via email.

If you have not received this then please let me know! Also if you would prefer a paper copy then please let me know and I can arrange this.

The payment details of how to pay are all included on the bottom of your invoice. Fees are always due back at your child's first session after the holidays.

If you are struggling to pay your fees on time, then please let me know and we can arrange a payment plan that is suitable. Failure to pay your invoice will result in your child being unable to attend preschool until it is payed and as a result your preferred space may be lost . Repeat invoices will be charged at £5 each, so please ensure you pay on time.

Thank you to everyone who pays on time (and often ahead of time!) This helps keep preschool running efficiently!

## London marathon- Fundraising



Louise shackleton (Freddie's mum!) has signed up for the London marathon this year to raise money for Mind. If anyone would like to sponsor Louise, then a sponsor form is on the back of the preschool room door. Good luck with all your training Louise!!

## Spring Term dates

We break up for half term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

We return for Late Spring Term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

We break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

We return for early summer term Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Closed for May bank holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

We break up for half term on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

We return for late summer term Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

We break up for the summer holidays on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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