

Early Autumn Term 2019

Newsletter

We have finished our first half term back after the summer holidays and it has been a very busy one! The children have settled back in well and we are so pleased with their progress!

I have added some information below regarding this half term and next half term. Please take a few moments to have a look through.

Winter Weather

As the weather is beginning to get colder, we are reminding parents to please send your child in suitable clothes. The children will continue to spend lots of time outside and so will need suitable coats, hats and wellies. Please ensure these are all labelled with your child's name.

Additionally, please could parents ensure their children come to preschool with spare clothes. As you know we can get very messy, or wet and it is handy to have a change of clothes when needed. Preschool have some spare clothes, but these are very limited!

Staff Changes

Becky will be returning from her maternity leave officially on Friday 13th December, but you will see her around in December whilst she doing some keeping in touch days. Additionally, I will be leaving on Friday 13th December to start my maternity leave. If anyone has any questions before I go, please don't hesitate to ask.

Debbie and Holly Lythe will continue to work in the preschool room and Sarah in the toddler room. Where there will be changes in key persons, staff will keep those parents affected updated.

Baby Updates

During the summer holidays Holly Bristow had her little boy, Ernest (Ernie), both are doing very well.

School Applications

For those children who will be starting 'big school' next September we have already sent out the relevant information on how to apply. If you haven't received a letter and your child will be going to school next year, please inform a member of staff.

The deadline for applying for your school place online is 15th January. This feels like ages away, but once Christmas comes around it is easily forgotten. It only takes a few minutes to complete online. Please see link below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions%20%20before%2015th%20January%202020>

If you need any assistance with this, please let us know.

Invoices

I will be sending out the invoices next week for Late Autumn Term 2019, these will be sent by email, or if you would prefer a paper copy please let me know. All invoices are due on your child's first session back after the half term. Details of how to pay are located on the bottom of your invoice.

If you have any queries regarding your invoice, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Spring Term Hours/ Funded hours

I will be sending out the booking confirmation forms for January hours next week. Please fill these in to either confirm your child's hours will remain the same in January or which hours you would like to change to. If we have already discussed these, then reflect the agreed hours in this booking confirmation. We are already rather busy, so we have very little spaces to increase hours, with waiting lists on some days.

The deadline to change your hours in January is **Friday 8th November**. We need this information to arrange staffing, rotas and spaces.

If you think you will be eligible for the 30 hours funding (extended entitlement) in January, and haven't already applied, please speak to me **asap**.

Those who will begin receiving their 15 universal funded hours just need to reflect this in the booking confirmations. This begins the term after their 3rd birthday and is for every child this age.

Those who already receive the extended entitlement (30 hours) please ensure you keep reconfirming your codes.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please don't hesitate to ask.

Halloween

For the children who are in on **Friday 25th**, we will celebrate Halloween with a few party games, dressing up, crafts and spooky activities. There will also be a small cake sale set out, as we all love a bit of cake!

We will be doing Halloween crafts and activities all week with it being tricky to find a day that all children can be involved.

Fundraising Events

Sponsored walk

We have been handing out sponsor forms to invite the children of Fylingdales Preschool along with their family and friends to take part in our sponsored Autumnal walk in Robin Hoods Bay this Saturday 19th October.

Details are on the sponsor form, but just a reminder that the starting and finishing point is at the entrance of the cinder track, Thorpe Lane, opposite Madonna House. There will be a halfway stop at the cricket pitch where there will be light refreshments and cakes available to purchase before heading back.

The children will be gathering objects for an autumnal activity the next week in preschool, so please bring something along to collect items in.

Sponsorships and donations are vital to help support our charity run setting.
For more information, please ask a member of staff.

We do hope you can make it 😊

Victorian Weekend Saturday 7th and 8th December

This year we will be getting involved in the Victorian weekend events again. We will be doing the same as the last couple of years, we will be running the kitchen in the village hall, serving tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches, soup, quiche and cakes to raise money for preschool. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved with a community event and raise some funds for preschool.

We need parents/carers to help us run the pop-up cafe, so serving food, making bacon sandwiches, handling money etc. I will be putting up a baking list if anyone is kind enough donate baking and a rota with times on in the preschool room on the back of the door, please write in any times that you are available to help us. The more parents who can help for a short period of time the less hours a smaller group of helpers will need to do, and it shares the load equally! We need a minimum of 3 people at each time to run this.

Thank you in advance.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to the following families –

The Macdonald family for looking after our beloved fish over the summer holidays,

The Marot family that helped us with a plumbing problem

and to the Harland family for repairing the wood on our raised flower bed. We really do appreciate all the help we receive from our families.

Term Dates and events for your diary 2019/2020

Fylingdales Preschool Sponsored Walk **Saturday 19th October**

Fylingdales Primary School's Harvest festival **Tuesday 22nd October St Stephens Church at 2pm** (We hope to attend this)

Halloween celebrations **Friday 25th October**

We break up for half term on **Friday 25th October 2019** and return for Late Autumn Term on **Monday 4th November 2019**

Victorian Weekend **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December**

We break up for **Christmas on Friday 20th December 2019** and return for Early Spring Term 2019 on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**

Best wishes,

Megan 😊

