



**Newsletter: Spring Term 1st Half
January – February 2020**

Thank you for all your kind cards, gifts and wishes at the end of last term. The staff very much appreciate the support you have shown. I hope you all had a good Christmas break and we wish you and your families a very happy new year.

Curriculum

This half term we are thinking about occupations and people who help us. We will also be reflecting the season, 'Winter', and the Lunar New Year of the Rat. Over the following weeks we will be thinking about:

w/c 8th Jan and 13th Jan: Emergency services – fire and police service

w/c 20th Jan: Health services – doctors, nurses, dentists, and keeping healthy

w/c 27th Jan: Vets and animal welfare

w/c 3rd Feb: Services – post, shop-workers, restaurant staff, delivery people etc

w/c 10th Feb: Our parents' occupations

We would welcome any donations of used small to medium-sized padded envelopes and/or delivery boxes (Amazon or the suchlike) in decent condition for 'services' week (3rd Feb). Also if you have any used stamps that can be cut out and reused, that would also be great.

We plan to talk to the children about what jobs their parents/families do, and if possible, put together a display, for the last week of this half term. Nearer the time, we will put a note in your child's home-preschool book asking you to let us know what job you did/do (or aspire to do!) If you have pictures of yourself at work and/or in uniform, we would love a copy. Also, if you wished to come in and talk about what work you do during Stay and Play week, we would welcome your contribution. We will send out more information/reminders nearer the time.

Snack Jar and Product Donations

Just a reminder that the 'snack jar' is out (almost!) every day and we suggest a donation of around £1 per week per family if possible. We also regularly use a number of 'non-consumables' at Pre-School. We always welcome donations of, in particular, baby wipes, tissues, antibacterial spray and washing up liquid. We appreciate any donations you are able to make.

Clothing and Spare Clothing

As we're now well into winter, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to Pre-School. We do allow children to play outside in almost all weathers and they need a warm coat and suitable footwear. Please label your child's coat, as we have occasionally had a few cases of mistaken identity... Please also provide a change of clothes for your child in a named bag. We do have spares, but it is generally more comfortable for your child to have their own clothes.

...on spares, if you have any items of Pre-School spare clothing at home we would appreciate it being returned. Our stocks are running a bit low.

Stay and Play

Will be from Monday 10th Feb to Friday 14th Feb. A sign-up sheet will be on the door, a week before as usual.

Diary Dates

Half term: 17-21st February

Pre-School returns, Monday 24th February

Last day of term: Friday 3rd April (close at 11.30am)

Advance Notice: Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th February. More information nearer the time.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to have a word with myself, your child's key person, or staff on the door in the morning and/or at lunchtime.

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