



Staffing:

Sadly I start this newsletter with the news that Gemma will be leaving Pre-School on February 8th. Gemma will be joining a Nursery closer to home and I am sure you will agree they are very lucky to be gaining Gemma. Who we will all miss very much. Gemma has been an unbelievable asset to the Pre-School and is a skilled practitioner, a master at settling in children and a good friend to us all. I am pleased to say that Aysha Patel who currently works with us as a Learning Support Assistant will be taking on a new role as Pre-School Practitioner and Keyworker. We will of course keep you updated on any changes to your child's keyperson. Lilli who has been working as a Pre-school Assistant will be taking her maternity leave after February half term.

Label! Label! Label! Please label *everything* with your child's name. We do not always know which child has which item of clothing, children sometimes have the same coats etc from local shops and the children do not always recognise their own clothing. Putting your child's name in their coat, clothing, change bag etc helps prevent mishaps and mistaken identities. Please can we also ask you that all lunch and change bags are also labelled.

Tapestry

Children new to Pre-School: Adults named with parental responsibility on your child's Registration Form will receive an activation email from Tapestry shortly after your child starts at Pre-School. Please keep an eye out for these emails and check 'junk' or 'spam' if they do not arrive. If you want to find out more about Tapestry, you can do so here: [Online Learning Journal For Early Years Education | Tapestry](#).

Any questions about Tapestry, please have a word with Louise (Interim Pre-School Leader) or Gemma or Zoey (Deputy).

Committee Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Pre-school committee via zoom on Tuesday 6th February at 8pm. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Friday 9th February - Pre-school will be closed for an inset day.

Mon 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Contacting Us: Please phone or text the setting on **07860 655066** if you need to let us know about your child's absence or of you are running late etc. **Please do not call the general enquiries number as it can take longer for messages to be passed on.**

Can we also please ask that children arrive at Pre-School before 9.15. It can be very unsettling for some of the children to see the front door being continuously opened. We understand that on being late is unavoidable sometimes but please do try and be on time wherever possible.

Lunches - **Please be reminded that we operate a strict no nuts policy at Pre-School and no nut based products are permitted.**

Thank you so much to everyone who sent best wishes to staff at the end of last academic year and for all the generous gifts. Thank you also for being so understanding when the Pre-School had to close in December due to staff sickness.

Getting in Touch:

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