



NEWSLETTER – April 2017

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break, enjoying the sunshine and of course, all those Easter Eggs!!

Locking of the Outside Gate

From this term, we will be locking the outside green gate at 9:10am as we are on the grounds of the primary school, we need to ensure the welfare of all the children on the school grounds. Please aim to arrive at preschool for 9am and leave the class room promptly to allow us to do this. The same will apply at 12pm. If you arrive at preschool after 9:10am or 12:10pm, you will need to ring the bell or phone for us to unlock the gates.



Goodbye Louise!

Louise has decided that she will not be returning to Preschool when her maternity leave finishes. We wish Louise and her family all the best for the future.

Show and Tell



You will receive the new Show and Tell rota on email. This will also be displayed on the desk at the entrance to preschool. Children have been assigned a week to bring an item to show and tell. This can be any item of their choice that they would like to share with us.

Toys From Home

Please discourage children from bringing toys into preschool from home, unless it is something they are bringing for Show and Tell and it is their week to do so. Toys from home can easily become mixed with preschool toys and lost.



PE Kit – Leavers 2017

As we move into the last term at preschool for some of the children, our 2017 leavers. We will continue to work on school readiness and moving onto 'big' school,. Please assist us by providing your child with a simple PE kit of a t-shirt and shorts to enable them to practise getting changed.

Buggys



Could all buggys and prams please be left outside the classroom either parked along the path under the window or in the buggy park. Siblings can be brought in to the setting while settling your child.

Footwear



Please send your child to pre-school wearing suitable outdoor shoes such as trainers or wellies, could you also ensure that they have a pair of soft sole shoes for indoors ie) plimsols or slippers. Please ensure your child has a **change of shoes** with them in **every** session. Shoes should fasten with Velcro or similar as we actively encourage children to change their own shoes, promoting independence and self care, shoes with laces do not allow this.

Hat and Sun Cream



During the warmer weather, please ensure that your child has a **sun hat and sun cream** with them for every session. Both of which should be labelled. Sun cream can be left at school in the specified box to ensure it is always available for your child. If it is felt that it is too warm for your child to be in the garden and they do not have a hat and sun cream unfortunately they may have to miss out on garden time. It would also be helpful if you could send your child to preschool with sun cream already applied as we will access the garden as soon as registration is completed.

Labelling



Could you please ensure that all your childrens clothing and bags are labelled with their name, this includes coats and shoes. It doesn't have to be their full name, initials are fine.

Family Photos

We still have plenty of room left in our family photo albums. Please feel free to bring in family photos to be displayed in our family photo album. The photo album is kept in our book corner and is accessible to your child throughout the session. Your child will be able to use the photo for comfort and to share with their teachers and peers.



Library System



When your child is ready to change their school library book, please leave their book wallet on the register desk when entering the preschool and we will ensure their book is changed during the session.



Lunchboxes

We have a strict **no nut** policy at pre-school. This is to protect children with nut allergies. This includes **peanut butter** and **Nutella**.



Please provide healthy balanced lunch boxes for your children. We do not allow fizzy drinks, sweets or anything chocolate covered at preschool.

Tapestry



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

Please share your child's achievements and adventures outside of preschool with us through Tapestry. Parents/Carers are able to upload photos or videos on Tapestry to share with the staff. This information helps to give your child's key worker an overall picture of your child's development and can also prompt conversations with your child in the setting. If you need any further information on using or uploading information onto Tapestry, please speak to Kristy or Donna.

Absence/Illness



If your child is unable to attend preschool due to illness, please ensure that you telephone or text preschool as soon as possible on the day they should be attending and continue to keep in contact until they are well enough to return. If your child does not attend preschool on one of their planned sessions and we have not been notified of a reason why, we have a responsibility to contact you to find out why they are not in preschool.

Hand Towels

Could you please ensure that your child brings in a small towel, ideally a flannel labelled with their name to every session. This will be used by your child, to dry their hands, to help stop the spread of germs. Could towels please be hung on the children's named pegs when they arrive at preschool and should be washed on a weekly basis.



Facebook Page



Please like and follow our Facebook page, **Hullbridge Preschool**. We regularly post updates and reminders on here.

Contact

If you need to change your sessions, have any invoicing queries or would like to order uniform, please email Donna T on thehullbridgepreschool@gmail.com

Birthdays

This half term, the following will be celebrating their birthdays. Happy Birthday!!

Oscar Sm
Archie Ha



Important Dates

Family Story Time Wednesday 10th May

Hadleigh Farm Trip Friday 26th May

Sports Day Friday 9th June

Photographer Tuesday 4th July

Graduation Party Wednesday 19th July (3:30pm – 5:00pm)



Thank You

Donna T, Kristy, Marie, Karen, Shirley, Sam T, Donna R, Leigh, Sophie, Louise, Cat and Committee