



## NEWSLETTER – January 2018

### Happy New Year!!



We would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year! Hope you all have a brilliant 2018.

### Let it continue!

Last half term, was very busy, getting to know our new children and their families. It's been lovely seeing the children settling in to our preschool. We have also been working to improve and refresh our preschool routines and expectations to make these clear and relevant to our current children.

### Baby Girl!

Congratulations!!! Cat had a baby girl on 29<sup>th</sup> December (her due date), she weighed a healthy 8lb 14oz, they have named her Kyla.

### New Member of Staff



We would like to welcome our newest member of staff, Kate to the preschool. Kate is a qualified teacher and is also working in another local preschool so has lots and lots of experience. She is helping to cover Cats maternity leave and will be in the setting on a Monday and Friday.

### Bring a Bag!!!!

Could you ensure that all children have spare clothes in preschool with them everyday. Even if they are toilet trained, the children can still get wet or dirty and require a change. We don't have enough spare clothes for everyone!!



### Lunchbags

Please can you ensure that children lunch bags are wiped after every use to stop the building of crumbs and odours. This can be done using soapy water or anti bacterial spray and a cloth. The majority of lunch bags can be put in the washing machine on a gentle cycle and hung unzipped to dry.



## Numicon



Parents **are encouraged not** to stay with children while they register themselves on the board or find their numicon, there is a member of staff in that area to aid them should they need it.



## Colder Weather

We spend time outside every session no matter what the weather, so please ensure your child has a warm coat and waterproof outdoor shoes preferably **wellies** and a **hat** and **gloves** in preschool with them every day.

## Footwear

Shoes should fasten with Velcro or similar **NO LACES** as we actively encourage children to change their own shoes, promoting independence and self care.



## 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.



## Nut Free Preschool

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 check cereal bars for nuts.



Please provide healthy balanced lunch boxes for your children. Fizzy drinks, sweets or anything chocolate covered are **NOT** allowed at preschool.

## Empty Pages!!!

We still have empty pages in our family photo album!!!

We aim to have a photo of all families in this album. The album is kept in the book corner and the children regularly look at it and enjoy finding their peers and their families. This photo can also be used for comfort if your child becomes upset.



## Pull Ups

If your child is not potty training then proper nappies should be used, **NOT** Pull Ups. Pull ups often leak as they are only designed for minor accidents, we would be grateful if you could send your child with nappies rather than Pull Ups

**Birthdays**

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

Happy Birthday!!

- Oscar S**
- Elias**
- Harrison**
- Sophia**
- Ellie**
- Donna T**

**Important Dates**

- Last day of half term – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- Back to School – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- World Book Day (dress up) – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Hadleigh Farm Trip – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Photographer – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Sports Day – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Graduation Party – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Last day of Summer Term – Weds 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Thank You**

**Donna T, Kristy, Marie, Karen, Shirley, Donna R, Leigh, Sophie, Cat, Kate and Committee**

