

NEWSLETTER – September 2018

Welcome Back



It has been lovely seeing all the new and old faces back in preschool. A special warm welcome to all our new parents and children.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that we have an 'open door policy' at preschool and staff are available at the beginning and end of each session for brief conversations. However, if you feel you would like a little longer or need to speak to us in confidence, please arrange an appointment via your key person.

Key Person

Every child is assigned a key person, the role of the key person is to ensure that your child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs. They will help the child become familiar with our setting, the key person will offer support for the child while in the setting and build a relationship with the child's parents. If you are unsure of who your child's key person is, please either check our staff board above the reception desk or the observation sent on Tapestry.

Bag

Your child should bring a bag to preschool everytime they attend, it should contain the following:

- Nappies/wipes (if required) No pull ups unless you are potty training as these leak easily
- Spare Clothes and underwear including socks
- Flannel (for drying hands)
- Indoor Shoes (soft soles ie) plimsols or slippers)
- Outdoor Shoes (trainers or wellies depending on the weather)
- Comforter (if required while settling in)

Please ensure any unnecessary items including food are removed from the children's bags as the children have access to their bags throughout the session.

Labelling



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

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





Library Books

Every child will be issued with a reading book upon starting at preschool. Please spend time sharing this book with your child at home and bring back in to preschool to change when they are ready to do so. Books should be returned to the registration table for changing 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 lunch boxes for your children. We do not allow fizzy drinks, sweets or anything chocolate covered or chocolate flavoured at preschool.

Please only supply your child with the quantity of balanced food you expect them to eat in their lunchbox. If for any reason you are including extra for choice please make a member of staff aware.

Water

Fresh drinking water is available to the children during all sessions, there is no need to bring in an extra drinks bottle unless it's for the childrens lunch.



Learning Journals/Tapestry



To access your child's Tapestry account, you require a password which should be emailed to you. Using Tapestry you will be able to see which activities your child has been involved in at preschool and how they are developing. Parents/carers are also able to upload photos, videos and comment on what they have been doing. This gives your children's key worker an overall picture of your child's development and can also prompt conversations with your child in the setting.



Show and Tell

Please can you upload a video or photos of an activity or day out/special event that your child enjoyed and would like to share with their friends at preschool. Your child will then be selected for show and tell randomly.

Collection Changes

Please notify the manager on duty (ie) Kristy or Donna T of any changes in the collection arrangements for your child. This saves a lot of time and phone calls at the end of the session as we will not be able to allow your child to leave with an unauthorised collector.

Absence/Illness



If your child is unable to attend one of their sessions due to illness, please ensure 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 will not be attending preschool due to a planned holiday, please advise us of the dates they will not be in attendance. 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.

We Need Your Family Photos!!!

Please could you bring in a family photo 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.




Contact

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

Birthdays

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



	Thomas Billy	Abigail Aiden	Evie Norman	Gregory Sebastain
Shirley	Leigh	Sophie		

Important Dates

October Half Term	Friday 19 th October
Back to School	Monday 29 th October
Christmas Celebration Show	Friday 14 th December
Last Day Of Term	Friday 14 th December
Back to School	Monday 7 th January

Thank You

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