



### Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and the children were happy with their presents from Santa! We would like to welcome our new children and parents to the setting so if you see new faces, please say hello!

### Christmas Party

I would like to thank all of the children and their families for attending the Christmas party. The children did absolutely amazing and really did us all proud. I would like to thank the staff and committee for all of their hard work. Following all of our efforts from xmas cards and Webb ivory, raffles etc we have raised a massive £440! This is a brilliant amount and we will be purchasing a dress up unit and asking the children what they would like to see in their preschool, Thank you all, Donna.

### Our Themes

Please check out our notice board by the front gate as this is updated with our weekly themes, please feel free to let your child bring in anything relating to these themes for show and tell.

### Tapestry

Dont forget to let us know what you and your little ones have been getting up to, if you are unsure how to add things to your Tapestry account then please see Donna.

### Our Website

Remember to check our website [www.thehullbridgepreschool.co.uk](http://www.thehullbridgepreschool.co.uk) Also please join our facebook page as we regularly post updates.

### Attendance

We have a duty of care to your children and want to make sure they are safe, so if for any reason your child cannot attend preschool please let us know via text, phone, email or staff member. If we are not informed we will try to contact you initially via text message to check their whereabouts.

### Fundraising

[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) enables us to raise money from you shopping online and it does not cost you anything! There is now an app for this aswell so sign up and get fundraising whilst you shop!

### Co-op Community Card

Earn points on your shopping at Chelmsford Star Cooperative (Co-op) stores to help towards our preschool fundraising total. Community cards are available at front desk.



### Volunteers

Do you or someone you know have a special talent you would like to share with the children at preschool. Can you play an instrument or fancy reading a group story? Please let us know and we would love for you to come and share this talent with the children. Or if you have a passion for arts and crafts and would like to spend an hour helping the children in preschool, we are always looking for volunteers to help out.

### Committee

We are always looking for parents to join our enthusiastic committee group. We usually meet once a term, if you would like to join our committee then please let us know, we would love to have you! Our AGM will be this month.

### Big School – Sept 2016

Reminder - You need to submit your application for childs Primary school place by the 15th January. If you are having trouble or need any advice then please let us know, we are here to help!

### Healthy Lunch Boxes

We do like to promote healthy eating, not only because it helps to grow strong healthy children, but the right foods help their concentration and interaction. So please try to avoid too much sugar in their lunch boxes, instead of a chocolate cake or chocolate bar perhaps raisins or an orange, you may find it will save you a few pence aswell! And no sweets



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Tyler, Isabelle, Ethan, Hannah, Jake

### Snack Money

Please remember to bring your 20p to every morning session and encourage your child to put it in the money box (little house) located in front desk. This contribution helps us to provide a wide range of snack options for the children. Please note snack is only available to children who attend a morning session.



### Children's Belongings

Please ensure that all your childs belongings are clearly named. This includes clothes, footwear, towel, lunchbox and drinks bottle. There is a lost property box in the coat area, this will be emptied every two weeks. All unclaimed items, will be put into the clothes bank. If possible please try to ensure your children's shoes are slip ons or velcro. This helps the children with their self care and independence. Please dont forget that children need indoor and outdoor shoes aswell as coats and a set of spare clothes as we always go outside!

### Family Board

If you have a photo of your family then please bring it in so we can add it to our family board. We often use the pictures to help your little ones settle as we can talk about where the picture was taken and who is in it.

### Dates for the Diary

Hadleigh Trip - 23/5/16  
Sports Day - TBA  
Graduation - TBA

### Term Dates

Last day of this half Term is **Friday 12th February.**  
**Return back to Pre-school on Monday 22nd February.**

Thank You  
Donna, Sam H, Shirley, Karen, Sophie,  
Louise, Marie, Sam T, Beth, Kristy &  
Committee