

Holding Hands Preschool Monthly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 1st July 2024



Important Information

Warmer Weather

Please ensure your children have appropriate clothing (including plenty of spares for water play), sunhats and labelled sunscreen for the warmer weather (we will still be wearing wellies when outside). Please also provide a named water bottle.

Thank you.

Donations and Thank Yous

The preschool is always greatly appreciative of any donations given by the families of the setting, and they go a long way in supporting us! **We would like to say an enormous thank you** for the kindness shown by one of our lovely parents, Amy, who has not only spared us her time and efforts to update our tired and run down cart, but she also provided the resources to decorate it and make it look so fabulous! **We would also like to say another big thank you** to both Amanda and Frankie, who have supplied the preschool with so many wonderful cleaning products!

Team Update

Our lovely Laura has been away for a couple of weeks now and we all miss her loads. Thank you to everyone who has asked after her and checked in to see if she is ok. Laura is on the mend following surgery and we are sending her lots of positive healing vibes! She looks forward to seeing you all soon.



The past few weeks have been full of fun learning opportunities and below are just some of the exciting moments we've been enjoying! **Highlight – Sunshine, water play and being outside!**

Sensory

- Sensory trays
 - playdough, slime and water
 - magnifying glasses, mini-beasts, moss and grass
- Leavers T-shirts!

Outside

- Adventuring and exploring on the bank.
 - adding plants to the growing areas
 - re-planting sunflowers
 - tractors, trucks and wheelbarrows
 - meeting, caring for and collecting eggs from our chickens!
- Water and sand trays.
- Rolling down the hill.
- Pirate ship imaginative play.
- Wind catchers and windmills.

Story Corner

- Action songs, ring games and nursery rhymes!
- Lots of lovely stories relating to summer, sandcastles and gardening/ growing.

Gym

- Parachute games
- Interactive Board
 - 'Danny Go' (using imaginative games to move our bodies, practice stop and go, and get our hearts beating faster!)
 - 'Cosmic Yoga' (Following flowing body movements to help stretch, strengthen and relax through imaginative stories)
- Indoor climbing frames, balance beams, hopscotch, tunnels, soft play and gym mats.
- Free-play and construction; Mega Blocks, train tracks, Barbies, bead maze, Beanbags and soft balls, click-clack track, collaborative drawing, wooden blocks...

Pod

- Puppet theatre and storytelling.
- Mini disco's

What's happening over the following weeks?

- The children will explore the growing areas looking closely at growth, decay and changes over time.
- We will talk about school and relevant activities.
- We have lots of awesome activities and ideas lined up, but if you have any recipes, crafts, books or other recommendations, just let us know. Thank you!

Fundraising

Outside Spaces

Follow the link below to find out about our latest endeavours in our outdoor environment, and to contribute to the cause.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/to-create-a-sustainable-community-preschool?utm_campaign=p_lco+share-sheet&utm_medium=chat&utm_source=whatsapp-visit

Chickens = EGGS!

Our wonderful chickens have been providing us with some lovely fresh eggs and we are eager to share them with you all! Keep an eye on our lovely new cart for boxes of eggs, fresh bread and milk each week...small donations gratefully received. Yum!

We are also hoping to get some of our lovely families interested in sponsoring a chicken! Keep an eye out for updates regarding this and we look forward to sharing with you.



Family Displays

We are continuing to update our family displays and we still have lots of families who don't have a photo up on the wall.

The children thoroughly enjoy seeing photographs of their own families on display in our communal areas and discussing these with peers and practitioners. We would love for every child to have their family photo on display and would like to ask for you to bring one in if you haven't already done so. Photos will be attached to the wall carefully but may not be returned in perfect condition, so please don't bring in very special photos.

Thank you.



Dates For Your Diary...

Monday 22nd July 2024 – End of Summer Term/ Academic Year End.

Preschool will close at the end of the afternoon session on this date, for the summer holidays.

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – Leavers Celebration Party, 11.30am – 1.30pm

Further details to be issued.

2024-2025 - Academic Term Dates

Please find our next academic year term dates on display in the cloakroom (these will be sent out in due course).

Leaver's Celebration

We are quietly working in the background to organise some bits and bobs for our leaver's celebration which is to be held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024, from 11.30am – 1.30pm. Further updates regarding this will be sent out in due course.

We would like to ask parents to provide raffle donations over the coming weeks. All new/ unused/ unwanted gift items welcomed (toys, games, alcoholic and non-alcoholic bottles, gift sets, hampers, toiletries, food items, books, etc.) Vouchers, gift cards also gratefully received. Please place your donations in the boxes provided in the cloakroom...Thanks in advance!