



Holding Hands Preschool Fortnightly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 3rd June 2024

Important Information

Warmer Weather

Please ensure your children have appropriate clothing, 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.

Lunchboxes

We just wanted to send out a reminder to everyone that we are a totally **nut-free setting**. Please ensure lunches remain nut-free (including products containing nuts). We would also ask that you **cut grapes in half, lengthways** as these pose a high risk for choking.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Socials

- Facebook

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool Facebook page below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates. Make sure to like, follow and share!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091883683367>

- WhatsApp

Additionally, we have included the link to our parents WhatsApp group below. Created to share information, connect and give our families a community of like-minded friends!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGN06p04FD07a06d88PcNZ>

Team Update

We are very excited to welcome Rachael to the team. Keep an eye on our team board for updates and we will be sending out updated staffing information in due course.



Last half term was full of fun learning opportunities and below are just some of the exciting moments we've been enjoying!

Highlight – A warm welcome for our new chickens!

Sensory

- Sensory trays
 - sand, flour and water
 - magnifying glasses, mini-beasts, moss and grass
- Multi-media exploration.

Outside

- Adventuring and exploring on the bank.
- adding compost to our growing beds
- planting sunflowers
- wheelbarrows rides
- meeting, caring for and collecting eggs from our new chickens!
- Water trays with funnels, jugs and various containers.
- Practising ball skills with our friends.
- Wendy house imaginative role-play.

Story Corner

- Action songs, ring games and nursery rhymes!
- Small-group games and floor puzzles.

Gym

- 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; counting cubes, Duplo, train tracks, waffle construction, bead maze, K'nex, click-clack track, large floor dominoes, Bee-Bot...

Pod

- Puppet theatre and storytelling.
- bubble tubes, sensory lights, projector.

What's happening over the following weeks?

- The children are invited to share news from home, following their half-term break.
- We will talk about Father's Day 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_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=chat&utm_source=whatsapp-visit

Chickens = EGGS!

We are so excited to announce the arrival of our new chickens! What's almost as exciting is the fact that we will now be able to provide our lovely chicken eggs (for a small donation), as we have done previously. 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.

Donations

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! Please take a look at the attachment in the main email. This is our simple donation suggestion list and if there is anything on there that you would be happy to contribute, we would really appreciate it.

Thanks in advance!



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 (details to be confirmed).

2024-2025 - Academic Term Dates

Please find our next academic year term dates attached to the main email.

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.

Please remember to provide a named, white t-shirt if your child will be leaving the preschool in July. T-shirts should be brought into preschool – either named or in a named bag by Wednesday 19th June 2024.

Thank you in advance!