



NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY – MARCH 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,



WELCOME BACK to everyone! We hope you and your children had an enjoyable time over the half term break and you were able to spend some family time together.



TOPICS

In January the children celebrated the Chinese New Year. They tried different Chinese foods using chopsticks , and made a fantastic Dragon for our wall!. The children also explored feeling emotions and how we grow.

This term our topic's will include Spring , growing and mini beasts.



We will be talking about how we celebrate Easter, noticing changes in the weather , Plants and of course Mothers Day.

Please don't hesitate to speak to Wendy or Sue for further information regarding any of the topics. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel welcome to stop by and have a chat.



World Book Day



It was World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. To celebrate we held a world book week!. The children dressed up The staff also took part a really fun week was had by all!!!!



Easter Chicks and Bunnies Competition

We would like all children to decorate a CHICK or BUNNY . We will give out a cut out of either to all the children for them to decorate at home in any way they wish. All decorated masterpieces can then be given in at pre-school for us to judge on Friday 7th April.

Chicks and bunnies will be handed out week commencing 27th March and must be returned by 6th April at the latest.

Good Luck!

New Toys



Thanks to all your fund raising efforts we have been able to spend in excess of



£1000 on new toys for the children. These include six Beebots which are wonderful educational toys. The children can program these large bees to move in a series of directions. A fantastic way of developing their fine motor skills.



Our new water run has also proved a big hit with the children

Pre-school Outing 2017



The pre-school team have decided to go to Moors Valley country park for this year's pre-school outing on **Wednesday 10th May**. We will be able to let you know more details soon.

This is an inset day so pre-school will be closed.

Fees

Invoices for this half term (February to March) have already been sent out. All invoices for sessions up to the end of term should be **paid in full by 17th March at the latest**, unless you are on a payment plan. Just let us know if you wish to set up a payment plan/set monthly amount by direct debit. Should you have any problems or queries regarding your invoice for your child's fees, please do not hesitate to contact Jane -Thank you. twiggsfinance@hotmail.co.uk

Staff



Sadly Vicki will be leaving us at the end of March. The team would like to wish her well and say a big thank you For all her help and support.

Tapestry

We will be sending you end of term reports for your children towards the end of April. Because we don't have any way of seeing if you have received these we would appreciate it if you could just let us know in passing/over the phone/via e-mail – just so we know it's working and you are getting the information! Thank you.

Contact Details



Please remember to let us know if you move house or change your telephone number or e-mail address. We need to keep our contact details up to date for correspondence & in case we need to contact you urgently. If you don't receive communication via e-mail and you would like to please let us know. twiggsfinance@hotmail.co.uk

Clothing/Belongings



Please send your children to pre-school with warm coats, hats, gloves.

Wellington boots can also be brought in for going outside to play but aren't suitable to wear while inside so please remember some inside shoes too.

PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING & BACK-PACKS & REMEMBER TO HAND ANY MEDICATION TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IN A NAMED BAG/CONTAINER



illness

If your child is unwell please contact us and keep your child away to reduce the spread of germs. We have had a recent out break of Scarlet Fever , Chicken Pox together with the usual coughs colds and sickness type bugs . We will of course keep you informed in our weekly e-mail

Session Times – Urgent Information

Please can we ask that you adhere to your child's session times. You must drop off and collect your child on time. If you are going to be late picking up for reasons beyond your control we will understand, however, it is essential that you telephone the pre-school to let us know.

If you are unsure what time your child's session times are, please speak to us to confirm this.



If you are persistently late picking up, we may be forced to charge you for the extra time which of course we really don't want to do.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. If you have any questions, please let us now.

Updated information regarding dropping off & picking up

For ALL dropping off of children - please drop off your child via the main pre-school door. If the gate is locked, please wait outside the gate until it is unlocked for entry via the main door.

For ALL picking up of children – please collect your child via the side door. Parents are not permitted to enter via the side door for any reason and should wait for their child to be released by a member of staff. If you wish to make arrangements to speak to a member of staff, please do this prior to picking up.

Please can we also request that all parents refrain from gathering right next to the windows by the side door as we are finding that children are easily disrupted at the end of sessions.

Your help is very much appreciated. Please speak to us with any questions.

REMEMBER

Twiggs Lane Pre-school is a
NUT FREE ZONE

So no nuts or peanut butter
In lunch boxes please



Remember

Do not obstruct driveways or park
illegally along Twiggs Lane.



Dates for your Diary

<p>Friday 7th April Pre-school closes for Easter * 10th April - 23rd April EASTER BREAK 2017 * Pre-school is back on Monday 24th April</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th May 2017 INSET DAY Pre-school Outing – all Pre-school children – details to follow</p>
<p>Easter Competition w/c 27th March Judging takes place Friday 7th April</p>	



Calling all parents

Would you like the opportunity to have more involvement in the running of our Pre-school?

Our current treasurer will be leaving us in September and we need a replacement to join our board of directors. He is more than happy to hand over and show his replacement the ropes so please contact Wendy or Sue if your interested

Please remember our door is always open, so if you do have any questions or concerns about anything, or if you would like to help out, please speak to us.

Staff & Directors
Twiggs Lane Pre-school

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