



## NEWSLETTER November-December 2018

**This is a very busy time of year; we ask that you please check children's book bags after each session for any letters. Many Thanks**

### Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome back to everyone, we hope you all had a fun filled half term and hopefully you had a little time to relax with your children during the week.

### Staff

We say goodbye to Kirsty this week who will be going on Maternity Leave, Kirsty will be back in May 2019

Kirsty has been organizing the registration, if you have any questions or queries regarding sessions please speak to Jane.



### OFSTED

As you are aware we received **OUTSTANDING** at our recent OFSTED inspection! We are over the moon, thank you to those of you who were able to make our celebrations before half term. Some quotes from our inspection below:

*"Children settle into the pre-school rapidly, and make very smooth and confident transfers on to school. Initial home visits, high-quality sharing of information and working with local teachers to challenge high achievers are just some of the highly successful strategies staff use to prepare children well for change."*

*"Staff know precisely how to engage children, build on their interests and challenge them to higher levels of thinking."*

*"Children quickly develop secure emotional attachments with all of the staff."*

Please find the full report here <https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50029760>

### Topics



Last half term our theme has been all about me, we have been looking at personal, social and emotional development. Children have been settling in and learning the routine of the preschool. We are continuing with our autumn theme, incorporating colours, numbers and shapes before moving on to Christmas theme nearer the time!

Look out for our weekly e-mails that include what theme we are looking at for the following week. If you aren't on e-mail you can check the whiteboard and look in your child's book bag. Please don't hesitate to speak to any of the staff for further information for any of the topics. Also, if you have any ideas we are always open to suggestions and improvements so please feel welcome to stop by and have a chat.

## Opening Hours

As you are aware we have changed our opening times, due to lack of interest in the extended hours. From this week (29<sup>th</sup> October) we will only be offering the 8am – 4pm on Wednesdays.

We have had some families changing sessions and times, we cannot make any further changes to this period of grant claim the hours you have now stay as they are as we are unable to change anymore.

It is important that you stick to your session times as our staff ratios are worked out on the basis of children's sessions. If you collect late at the end of your child's session you will be charged a late fee of £1 per minute. If you know you are going to be late, please ring and let us know many thanks for your cooperation.

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## Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you to those who supported the Waterside Foodbank by donating items for Harvest

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## Fundraising Team

The Fundraising team are busy planning for the Village Traders Evening on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, this is the first time Twiggs has had a stall and we're hoping for success! Our chocolate donations box is still available, we are looking for more donations if you have anything you are able to give the fundraising team will be very grateful!

We need new faces to come forward to join our team – as they say 'many hands make light work' and it's a great deal of fun too! If you would like to join the team please drop us an e-mail so we can put you on the parent helper/fundraising team list. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their help!

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## Parent Consultations

We will be sending out Tapestry reports week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November, please ensure you read these thoroughly, if you would like a parent consultation these will be offered on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November between the hours of 3-5pm, slots will be 10 minutes long, this is a chance for you to discuss anything from the Tapestry report. Where possible we will try to ensure you speak to your child's key person, however if not another member of staff will speak to you. Thank you for your understanding

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## Christmas

The children's Christmas songs performance plans are underway at Twiggs!

Our Christmas songs performance this year will be held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Marchwood Village Hall between 4.30pm – 5:30pm.**

We will be issuing tickets to parents/family members week commencing the **26<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be a limit of 4 tickets per child. Please look out for an invite in your child's book bag with a tear off slip to request your tickets. If additional tickets become available we will keep you informed.

One of our fundraising team is very busy trying to organize raffle prizes. We are appealing to all our parents and carers for Tombola or Raffle prizes please.

On the night of performance we would hugely welcome any offers of help with refreshments and running the raffle, let us know now if you can help out by e-mailing Jane on [twiggslanepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:twiggslanepreschool@gmail.com)



## Pre-School Christmas party



We are trying something new this year, on the last day of term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December we will be having a Christmas fun day, if your child attends on a Friday session they can attend as normal, if your child does not attend on a Friday session you are welcome to pop in throughout the day and take part in the activities, you will be required to stay with your child if they do not attend usually. If you want to bring packed lunch for your child they are welcome to stay for lunch.

We are hoping the man in red will come for 2pm, we ask that **ALL PARENT/CARERS COME BACK AT 2PM PLEASE.**

**We are looking for a Father Christmas; if you know of anyone who might be able to help us out please speak to Wendy or Jane.**

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## Lending Library and Parent Information Board

Please find inside the door used for drop off, we have our Lending Library and Parent Information Board. This area is used to provide resources that you might find useful, and any information that might be of interest to you. Please take a look when you can, we hope you will find it useful!

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## Name everything!

Please can you ensure that all your child's belongings are named, this includes lunchboxes, water bottles, welly boots, coats and anything else! Can you also double check that you have all your child's belongings when you collect them. This is really helpful to the staff!

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## Fees

The fees will be increased from January 2019, it will be discussed at a Directors meeting and you will be informed of the changes.

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## Health & Safety



Please remember we operate a NO NUT policy due to allergies.

If your child requires an inhaler please could you ensure that you supply us with their inhaler in a sealed plastic tub clearly labeled with their name. All prescribed medication should be handed to a staff member.

Many Thanks.



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## 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. [twigslanepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:twigslanepreschool@gmail.com)

### ***Dates for your Diary***

<b><u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day Preschool will be closed</u></b>	<b><u>Parent Consultations 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> November 3-5pm</u></b>
<b><u>Marchwood Village Traders Evening Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</u></b>	<b><u>Christmas Sing-a-long Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 4:30-5:30pm at the Village Hall</u></b>
<b><u>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December Christmas fun day at preschool – last day of term</u></b>	<b><u>Preschool re-opens Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u></b>

There is a list of dates for your diary for the whole year 2018/19 displayed on the notice board. 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.

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