



## NEWSLETTER April-May 2019

**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**

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### **Hello and welcome from Kirsty!**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I haven't yet met, and to say a big hello to those of you who do know me!

I have been here at Twiggs for 8 years now, starting as a practitioner. Last year I completed and graduated with my Foundation Degree in Early childhood, I'm looking forward to returning from maternity leave as the new manager for Twiggs! If you have any questions or queries, I will be more than happy to help you, please come and have a chat!

The team at Twiggs will be as follows

Practitioners: Emma and Karen

Senior Practitioners: Wendy and Sharyn

Deputy Manager: Becky

Manager: Kirsty

Admin and Finance Controller: Jane

We have said goodbye to Natalie who has chosen to move on, if Natalie was your child's key person please do not worry, we will allocate a new key person and will be in contact with you directly after Easter.

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### **Mother's Day Celebrations**

We welcomed mums and grandmothers into preschool to celebrate Mother's Day, they were able to come in and share the session with us, we made pasta necklaces, had lots of craft activities on offer, and we took advantage of the lovely weather and did some planting outside in the garden!

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### **Topics**

Our topics after the easter holidays will be a continuation of Easter, mini beasts, spring animals and expressive arts and design including music! Activities will be planned around these themes and varied daily for the children to enjoy.

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.

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## **Easter**

Children have created some fantastic Easter bonnets at home to share with us in preschool. Children wore their hats for a little parade in the garden to show them off! It was lovely for children to bring in their beautiful creations to show us! Thank you



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## **Waitrose Community Matters**

You might have seen on our Facebook page that we have made it to Waitrose community matters for the tokens! Whilst shopping in Waitrose Hythe you can put your tokens into our box for the month of April! Many thanks for your support!

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## **Tapestry**

Reports have been sent to you all, can we please ask that if you are unsure how to access your child's report please speak to a member of staff who will be more than happy to show you how to access it. When you receive observations, you have the opportunity to 'like' or 'comment' we would really appreciate if you could like or comment on the observations so we know that you are receiving them and being able to view them. Again, if you have any questions about using tapestry, we will be more than happy to go through this with you.

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## **Bookbags**

Can we remind you to please check children's bookbags for any information and art work they bring home.

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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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## **INSET Days**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May is no longer an INSET day, preschool will be open as usual on this day.

However, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day for us and preschool will be closed on this day.

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## Fees

Invoices have now been sent out, should you have any problems or queries regarding your invoice for your child's fees, please do not hesitate to contact Jane - Thank you. [twiggs-lane-preschool@gmail.com](mailto:twiggs-lane-preschool@gmail.com)

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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. [twiggs-lane-preschool@gmail.com](mailto:twiggs-lane-preschool@gmail.com)

**Could we take this opportunity to remind you all that once you have collected your child from preschool at the end of their session, they become your responsibility.**

## *Dates for your Diary*

<i>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June INSET day - preschool will be closed</i>	<i>Leavers Party for children moving on to school Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July time tbc</i>
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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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