



NEWSLETTER February 2020

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

We have welcomed new families to Twiggs after Christmas, all children both returning and those new to us have settled really well into preschool!

Topics

We changed the way we were planning after Christmas, by having a theme and a number, letter, shape and colour of the week. The children like being able to talk about the items of the week, bringing things in to share with us and talk about! We are following children's interests and planning activities for them around these. If you have any suggestions please let us know! We are currently focusing on the garden, weather and the children's favourite Mr. Robin in our garden!

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.

Facebook Friday!

If you haven't already, please come and join our closed Facebook group 'Twiggs Lane Preschool' this is only for family members of children currently attending preschool.

Each Friday Becky posts in our group some photos and shares what activities the children have been exploring each week, we will also post in the group if we want to share information with you, and lost property items and more!

Lending Library

We have started our lending library with books that might be of interest to families, we have books aimed at children about moving house, starting school, new baby, going to hospital, separation anxiety, loss of a loved one, feelings, potty training and giving up dummies. We hope these will be valuable resources for our families to borrow. They will be stored in the office, please speak to Kirsty or Becky if you would like to have a look and borrow some books!

If you have suggestions for topics you would like us to provide books for please let us know and we are more than happy to look into resources our families feel they would benefit from.

New Cabin

You might have seen from last weeks email, we have plans for a new cabin to be installed in the preschool garden. The plan is for this to go up in the Easter holidays, our intention for this is to be able to increase the number of children we can have in a session, and being able to offer places for 2-year-old children. This is something we will be looking to roll out from September, during the summer term we may have space for some additional sessions for existing children, this is dependent on the cabin installation! Watch this space!

Tapestry

We hope families are continuing to find Tapestry useful, to see what children are exploring at preschool and the stages of their development. We love to see the thing children do outside of preschool too and some families have shared photos from holidays! Please feel free to pop things on Tapestry that your child's key person can look at with your child, it often gives them a talking point and they love to tell us what they've been doing!

Bookbags

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

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

Can you help us?!

We are in need of old welly boots! Adults, children's, odd ones any you might have lying around at home unused that we can use for planting in our garden!

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
jane.garner@twiggslanepreschool.com

Health & Safety



Please remember we operate a **NO NUT** policy due to allergies. Could we please children's lunch boxes contain no shellfish, this includes crab sticks 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.

Session Times

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 know.

Contact Details

Please can you ensure if you received a form asking you to update contact details that you complete this and return it to us asap. We MUST have parent/carers information and a MINIMUM of 2 emergency contacts for safeguarding, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Kirsty or Becky regarding this.

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 info@twiggsianepreschool.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

Half term 17th – 21st February 2020 Return to preschool Monday 24th Feb	Mothers Day 16th – 20th March we will be offering stay and play sessions for Mums, Nans or female relative – more information to follow.
Easter Holidays 6th-17th April, Return to preschool Monday 20th April	May Bank Holiday Friday 8th May Preschool open as usual Monday 4th May
May Half term 25th – 29th May Return to preschool Monday 2nd June	Inset Day Friday 26th June Preschool will be closed
Last day of Summer term is Tuesday 21st July	

If you have any questions and would like to speak with a member of staff please let us know.

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