



NEWSLETTER March-April

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

Spring is here!

The children have been spending a lot of time in the garden now the sun is shining and have been joining in with a lot of water play. We were kindly donated plants from B and Q which the children have been helping to plant and have been learning how to look after them.

Staff

We Would like to Welcome Evie to Twiggs, Evie has been a student here for some time however she has now started her level 3 apprenticeship and will be working with us Monday- Thursday in the preschool room and cabin.

We would also like to welcome Jane back to Twiggs, Jane will be working in the office again on Tuesdays and Fridays and will be taking on most of her previous role, invoicing will continue to be sent through Famly with Becky being able to answer any queries.

Please take a look at our website www.twiggslanepreschool.com and view our meet the team page if you are unsure who anyone is to familiarize yourself.

Topics

The children have been taking part in lots of different activities around our topics which are, Science week, Mothers Day, literacy and world book day. The children have done science experiments , crafts, themed book weeks and in April staff have planned lots of exciting activities around animals and Easter.

Children seemed to ove having different adults come in last week to celebrate Mothers Day, we hope those of you who were able to make it enjoyed your time with us?! Please let us know any feedback! We will be offering visits again soon for everyone 😊

Covid and illnesses

In light of recent changes, we would ask that if your child has covid, where possible it is advised for children to remain at home until well enough to come back into preschool. We would ask like with any illness, you ensure your child is well within themselves before sending to preschool, there are different bugs going around now, if your child has any sickness/diarrohea please ensure they have 48 hours clear before returning to preschool.

Easter Fundraiser

We are holding an Easter fundraiser at Twiggs on Saturday 9th April 12-2pm

There will be a Hamper raffle, guess how many eggs in the jar, crafts, Easter bonnet competition, games, face painting and more!

We would love for you and your children to join us and help us raise much needed funds for new resources for inside and to improve our garden area too!

We would be very grateful for any Easter themed donations towards our Hamper, if this is something you are able to help with please could you send these in by 1st April, many thanks!

Your feedback

Thank you so much for your feedback in the questionnaire we sent out. It was lovely to read all of the kind words you had to say about the staff and preschool.

We find these very beneficial for us to reflect upon what we are doing well, and any areas we can improve on. We hope you all received the responses sent out on Family and by email, if you didn't receive it and would like a copy, please let Kirsty know and we can print a copy or email again.

Lending Library

We have a lending library that can be used by families, we have books relating to various things that you might find useful, new baby, moving house, separation anxiety, getting rid of dummies, using the potty, having two homes and more. If you would like to borrow any books please speak to Kirsty, you will need to sign the books out and return when you are finished with them.

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! As the weather starts to improve, please ensure your child has a named sun hat with them every day.

Can you also double check that you have all your child's belongings when you collect them. This is really helpful to the staff!

Fees

Invoices are due by the 31st March for the summer term, should you have any problems or queries regarding your invoice please do not hesitate to contact Becky by email at becky.copland@twiggslanepreschool.com

Change to term dates

We have been informed there has been a change to term dates, the last day of the summer term is now Thursday 21st July 2022, this is our last day for the summer.

Drop off and Session times

Please keep to your child's session times as we have staff members who need to drop off and collect their own children at the surrounding schools which understandably, they don't want to be late for. We understand sometime situations arise which means you may be late to pick up however it is important you communicate this with us or try and make alternative arrangements again letting us know who will be collecting your child as without this we can't let your child go.

Parking

Parking is continuing to be an issue on Twiggs Lane and especially outside the preschool.

We cannot stress enough how important safety is to us, especially for the families of children attending Twiggs.

Please DO NOT park across the wooden gates as this is an emergency exit and needs to be clear at all times.

Please DO NOT park on the yellow lines next to the blue fencing as this is not only illegal but a hazard to other vehicles accessing the road and bypass and our families.

Please DO NOT park in the car park outside the preschool gates, this is staff parking only. The Infant school have given permission to a couple of parents to park in there which we have been made aware of.

Anyone parked on double yellows will have their number plate passed to the relevant authorities.

Health & Safety



Please remember we operate a NO NUT/SHELLFISH (crabsticks) 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.

Complaints Procedure

If you have any reason to make a complaint against a member of staff you must speak to the preschool manager, Kirsty immediately. If you however, have a complaint against the preschool manager you must speak to the chair of the board of directors, Hayley is contactable on Hayley.broomfield@twiggslanepreschool.com

The matter will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. If you wish to contact Ofsted directly to make a complaint about the setting you can visit their website www.ofsted.gov.uk



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 info@twiggslanepreschool.com

Dates for your Diary

<i><u>Easter fundraiser</u></i> <i>Saturday 9th April 12-2pm</i>	<i><u>Easter Holidays</u></i> <i><u>Preschool will be closed</u></i> <i><u>Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April</u></i> <i><u>We will be open again Monday 25th April</u></i>
<i><u>INSET DAY – PRESCHOOL CLOSED</u></i> <i><u>Friday 20th May</u></i> <i><u>PRESCHOOL TRIP DAY FOR THOSE MOVING</u></i> <i><u>ONTO SCHOOL</u></i>	<i><u>INSET DAY – PRESCHOOL CLOSED</u></i> <i><u>Friday 24th June</u></i>
<i><u>Last day of summer term</u></i> <i><u>THURSDAY 21ST JULY</u></i>	

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

Staff & Directors Twiggs Lane Pre-school

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