



Waltham Pre-School

Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Nursery

October 2023

Welcome to our Autumn Term 2 Newsletter - we hope you find the information useful. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the main Pre-School office where we will be happy to help.

Themes

Over the next half term our theme will be Autumn. Crafts, activities, circle time, stories and songs will be built around the Autumn theme. As Halloween, Bonfire night and Christmas are approaching, we will also be enhancing our environments with relevant activities and resources.

Story of the Week

Each week a book will be shared, and activities built around the themes within the book. We hope that this approach will help stimulate and build upon a love of reading. If you have a copy of the books at home, pre-reading of each book will help support and enhance your child's enjoyment of the book. Books for the half term will be:

Wb. 30.10	The grumpy goat	Wb. 27.11	The very smiley snowman
Wb. 6.11	Oh dear!	Wb. 4.12	The snowstorm
Wb. 13.11	One ted falls out of bed	Wb. 11.12	Here comes Santa
Wb. 20.11	Pandamonium	Wb. 18.12	A very special night

Tapestry

A reminder that Tapestry is used to record children's development and progress records. If you have a query or question, please speak to your child's keyworker or contact the main office. If requests are made through Tapestry e.g. for additional sessions, they do not get picked up until a practitioner logs on and therefore a response will be delayed.

Clothing / Belongings

Please ensure:

- children's tops, coats, hats, scarves and bags are named to reduce the likelihood of them being mislaid
- children have a change of clothes in their bags for times that they need a change of clothing including socks / tights
- clothing is suitable for the weather e.g. warm coat for outdoor play

Collection Times

Polite request - please try and avoid collecting your child between 4pm - 4.45pm. This is tea time in the Nursery and staff are very busy with the babies and cannot get to the door very easily to do an efficient handover. It can also be quite upsetting for the younger babies when the door is opening / closing during this time. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this request.

Car Safety - reminder

No parent cars are allowed on the Pre-school site at any time for dropping off and collecting children from Pre-school or our Breakfast and Out of School Club. This is for Health and Safety reasons due to the number of children / adults moving around the pre-school and school grounds and to meet our Landlord, North East Lincolnshire Council's Insurance Policy requirements. We appreciate your support in adhering to this rule and in being cautious when parking outside the grounds in the local area., in particular NOT parking on the yellow zigzag markings at the main gates. We are working closely with the primary school to ensure that the access way to school and pre-school is as safe as possible for all our children. Please ensure that relatives who drop off / collect your child are also aware.

Facebook

Our Facebook page **Waltham Pre-School** is active; please drop by and give us a 'like'. The page is used to share information and celebrate learning. Again, if you have a query, please do not ask on our Facebook page as it may get missed.

Pre-school Website

Our website is regularly updated with all Pre-school information and events. Our website can be found at www.walthampreschool.org

Hot Lunches

A copy of the full lunch menu for this term, including the tea options, is available on our website. An electronic copy is also attached to this newsletter.

Personal Information

Please inform a member of staff of any changes of admin information, dietary requirements and daily routines for your child. For any known allergies, an allergy form must be completed and returned as soon as possible. Forms are available on our website or from keyworkers.

Writes Photographers

The photographer will be in Pre-school during the morning of **Thursday 2nd November**. If your child does not attend pre-school on this day, please speak to a member of staff to arrange an appointment between 8.30 and 11.00am.

The photographer **will** be taking sibling group photos from 8.15am. This **must** be booked via the main preschool office to enable us to ensure that numbers are manageable.

Fundraising / Dressing Up

- **Children in Need - Spotacular - Friday 17th November.**

Children are invited to join in our fundraising for Children in Need this year by coming to pre-school wearing anything with spots for a suggested donation of £1.00.

- **Save The Children - Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December**

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers for the day for a suggested donation of £1.00. Any donations will be sent to the Save the Children Charity.

- **Hello Yellow Day**

Thank you for all your kind donations for our recent Hello Yellow fundraiser. We were delighted to be able to send £32.00 to the Young Minds Matter charity.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 15th December.

Tax Free Childcare

You may or may not already be aware of the Government's Tax-Free Childcare offer. This is available to all working parents. Visit the Government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information on how you could potentially save money on your childcare costs.

If you need any information relating to your child's funding please see Mrs Rawcliffe in the office.

Outdoor Area

As the colder weather is now here and your child will be able to access the outdoor area at all times, could you please ensure you provide your child with **named** waterproof clothing and wellies.

Emergency Closure

Although we will always endeavor to keep our pre-school provision open, there may be occasions when the pre-school may have to close, for example due to extreme weather. In the event of a closure it will be announced on Lincs FM.

Due to our continued running costs all fees will still remain payable.

All About Me

On the front page of your child's Tapestry online Learning Journal there is a section called All About Me. We would really appreciate you spending a little time to complete the information about your child, even if they have been attending Waltham Pre-School for a while. This learning journal is part of the smooth transition into The Leas Academy and both providers find the information a useful tool to gain a complete picture of your child enabling the best outcomes. Please access from the Tapestry website and not the app.

End of Term

The Nursery will close on **Friday 22nd December** and reopen on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

[Nursery is open as normal during the October Half Term break]

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