



Waltham Pre-School

Newsletter Spring Term 1 Nursery

December 2023

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter - we hope you find the information useful. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the main pre-school office where we will be happy to help.

Our topic for the next half term will be Transport. The children will be learning about the different kinds of transport e.g. land air and sea. We will be participating in activities to explore the different features, colours and sounds. If you have any photographs of your child, showing any kind of transport including toys (ride on) please upload to Tapestry for us to display.

Story of the Week

Our weekly focus books are listed below. Each book will be shared throughout the week and activities and interests built around the themes within the book. If you have a copy of the focus books at home or are planning a trip to the library over the holidays, pre-reading of each book will help support and enhance your child's understanding of the text.

2.1.24 - Farmyard Flyers

8.1.24 - Tractor in Trouble

15.1.24 - Dazzling Diggers

22.1.24 - Choo Choo Clackety - Clack

29.1.24 - The Train Ride

5.2.24 - Stanley the Postman

Christmas Thanks

Special thanks are being sent to Robinson's Farm Shop for very kindly donating the oranges for the Christingles in Room 2. The children have enjoyed making the Christingles and learning about their meaning at this special time of year.

End of Session Times

Nursery closes at 6pm prompt. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all staff, parents and children have left the building and the site can be secured at 6pm. A reminder that a fine system is in place and will be applied when children are not collected on time. This fine will be £2.00 for every minute past 6 pm. This has to be strictly enforced to ensure that we remain in compliance with our insurance.

Collections

Lunchtime - Please collect as close to 1 o'clock as possible due to duties, staff ratios and the general busy time during the lunchtime period.

Afternoon / Evening - Please try and avoid our tea-time session 4pm - 4.45pm as collections during this time is quite disruptive for the children eating.

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, a warm coat and wellies.

Pre-school Website

Our website is regularly updated with all Pre-school and Out of School Club information and events. This includes our menu for the term, pre-school policies, dates, etc. It is also an area where we celebrate learning so please take a moment to have a look. Our website can be found at www.walthampreschool.org

New Staff

We will be welcoming Miss Casey to the Nursery team after the Christmas holidays. Miss Casey will be moving across from our Room 1 provision. Please see our website for further information on our staff and their qualifications using the link below.

[Meet our Staff](#)

Parking

A reminder that no parent /carer cars are allowed on the pre-school and main school site **at any time**. This is to meet the safety and insurance requirements of our landlord, North East Lincs Council. We appreciate that parking is difficult but request that all cars are parked with consideration of our neighbours on Manor Drive and away from the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gate, which are there to protect you and your children.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation on this matter.

Clothing

Please ensure:

- children's tops, coats 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
- named hats, scarves and gloves are provided for the cold weather

For children that are crawling or just walking, could we please have waterproof trousers / all in one, and footwear to keep their feet warm.

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 main office.

Fundraising

A big thank you for supporting our recent fundraising events this term. We have raised £55.00 for Children in Need. We will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December where we invite children to wear their festive outfits for a suggested donation of £1. All money raised will go to the national Save the Children charity.

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.

Spring Term Hot Lunch Menu

A copy of the full lunch menu for Spring Term, including tea options, is available on our website- please click on the following link to view.

[Lunch Menu](#)

End of Term

- Pre-school (Rooms 1 and 2) will close on **Friday 15th December** and reopen on **Wednesday 3rd January**.
- Nursery closes on **Friday 22nd December** and reopens on **Tuesday 2nd January**.
- Primary OOSC closes on **Wednesday 20th December** and reopens on **Wednesday 3rd January**.

December Holiday Club

A reminder that we will be running a Holiday Club for Pre-school and Primary age children on Monday 18th through to Friday 22nd December and also on **Tuesday 2nd January**. (The Nursery is open as normal during this time). To enable us to organise staffing for the Holiday Club, please book places via the main pre-school office as soon as possible and by **no later than Wednesday 13th December**.

February Half-Term Holiday Club

The pre-school is closed for half-term week beginning 12th February. Please ensure that you have contacted the office prior to **Friday 2nd February** if you need your child booking into any holiday club sessions. Nursery is open as normal during this week.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year and to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Waltham Pre-School.

