



Waltham Pre-School

Newsletter Spring Term 2 Nursery Room

February 2024

Welcome to our Spring Term 2 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.

Celebrating our Learning

Over the last term the children have shown a keen interest in playing with the dolls and accessories, showing what they have observed in their own care routines at home and at Nursery. They have learnt several new songs along with actions. Even our younger children recognise which song it is, can copy actions and definitely know who and what 'Alexa' is!

Theme

To extend on last term's learning, our theme this half term will be 'Building Friendships'. The children will develop skills such as sharing, turn taking, collaboration, caring for the environment, self-care and learning about our emotions.

Story of the Week

This half term we will be reading a selection of books which include topics from the children's favourite songs.

19.2.24 - Row Row Your Boat

11.3.24 - Stomp, Chomp, Big Roars,
Here Come the Dinosaurs

26.2.24 - That's not my monster

18.3.24- Never touch a Shark

4.3.24 - We went to visit the farm one day

25.3.24 - Ten Sleepy Bunnies

Communication and Language - Welcomm Programme

All our teachers and practitioners have taken part in Wellcomm training to support our children's Language and Communication development. Please see the attached document that offers information about the Wellcomm programme that is currently being used in Pre-School. If you have any further questions about Wellcomm support, please speak to Miss Barker.

Holi ' Festival of Colours' - week beginning 25th March 2024

We shall be celebrating the Hindu Festival of Colour this half term. The children are invited to dress in bright colours throughout the week.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

To celebrate World Book Day this year we would like to invite the children to come into Nursery dressed as their favourite character from a story. On the day we shall be enjoying our favourite stories with activities to celebrate the wonderful world of books.

Fundraising – Red Nose Day 2024 – Friday 15th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day, the children are invited to wear as much red as possible or dress up as superheroes for a suggested donation of £1.00 per child. All monies raised will be donated to the National Comic Relief Charity.

Emergency Closure

Although we will always endeavour to keep our Nursery and 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 our Facebook Page and via Tapestry.

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

February Half Term

Pre-school (Rooms 1 and 2) will close on **Friday 9th February** for the half term holiday.

Pre-school will reopen on **Monday 19th February**.

Holiday Club is open for the half term week for Pre-school children and Primary age pupils. Please ensure that you have contacted the office prior to **Wednesday 7th February** if you need your child booking into any holiday club sessions.

Nursery is open as normal during half term week.

Easter Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club during the Easter holidays;

Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 12th April

Please ensure that you have contacted the office prior to Friday 22nd March if you need your child booking into any holiday club sessions.

Nursery runs as normal during the Easter Holiday period except for the following closures:

Good Friday – 29.3.24

Easter Monday – 1.4.24

Family Support Services Contact Information

Health Visitors – offer support for families with children up to the age of 5 years old.

Telephone – 01472 323600

Family First Information Services (FFIS) – offer support for families with children/ young people between 0-19 years. Telephone – **01472 326292**

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

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 contact the main office.

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