

Our summer term runs until 28th July with half terms being 31st May till 7th June



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At Farnsfield Pre-School 'We Love our Community', this is one of our key values. This half term we will be taking time to discuss all the changes around us. Our **awesome children** will be learning about the natural world growing around us and how to care for our environment. We are very excited and know the children will love this.



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## Important Dates

### Inset Day

Our next inset day will be: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of June**

### AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on: **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of June.**

Location to be confirmed. We welcome all parents and carers to this meeting and would love to see you there. This is our opportunity to look back at the year. This also gives you the chance to meet and talk with the committee members

### Leavers Party

We are super excited for some of our children to take their next steps into foundation school and we think this calls for a party. This will take place on: **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.** More details to follow



## Pre-School Team Update



We have welcomed **Amy Robinson** to our team. She joined us at the start of this term and has already been a big hit with our wonderful children

We have said goodbye to **Pearl Butler**, we miss her already after almost **20** years of service. Pearl wanted to say an extra big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts. Happy Retirement Pearl!!



## New Equipment



Our new outdoors equipment and resources have been delivered and they are already loved by our children. We will use this equipment to engage the children in nature and develop their physical skills.

Our new interactive white board has arrived, and we look forward to using it to engage the children in a new and fun way of learning.



*A big thank you to the Parish Council for the grant that has helped towards the new equipment.*

## Sun Safety

Parents must apply sun cream to their child before they come to pre-school and provide a sun hat throughout the spring and summer. Please speak to the staff if your child has any allergies or you have any concerns

## Babies and Toddlers

Babies and Toddlers will start again in Sept, we can't wait to see you all. We will share the date we are starting back soon.

We are also looking for helpers to support these sessions. Please let us know if you are interested





## Parent Feedback Questionnaire

Many thanks to all the parents who returned their questionnaires to pre-school. The overall response was fantastic, and we have been touched by the lovely feedback we received. We are reviewing all feedback and will use this to improve the provisions we provide as we **'Aim for the Stars'**. Here is some of the wonderful feedback we received:

***"My daughter is so happy here and that makes me happy"***

***"The staff are always polite and helpful and my daughter's key worker is approachable, kind and caring. I feel she has helped my daughter prepare well for school. Thanks everyone x"***

***"She loves pre-school and the tapestry app and closed Facebook group keep us regularly updated about what she has been doing and her development."***

***"Communication has been good, especially with all the current restrictions. We really appreciate the tapestry observations, and the Facebook group pictures give great talking points about what he has been doing/learning."***

***"All staff are approachable and helpful. Thank you!"***

*At Farnsfield Pre-School we are **'Open and Inclusive'** and welcome all feedback and encourage you to be open and honest with us. We are always excited to improve your pre-school*



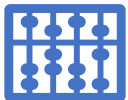
### Speech and Language Lead – Sam Hall



Sam's role is to ensure each child has the ability and skills to develop language and communication. Sam undertakes regular research into this field and attends local Language network meetings. In addition, she helps the staff to identify and support children's speech and language needs enabling us to provide an environment that supports each individual child. Parents and carers are always welcome to ask Sam about any concerns or information that is relevant to this matter. Sam will utilise a wide range of learning apparatus to create an environment in which children can extend their learning through appropriate activities.

At Farnsfield Pre-School 'We LOVE our community' and we pride ourselves on building relationships and links within the local area.

Therefore, to support the transition of children between settings we are further developing our links with St Michaels school in Farnsfield. We are looking at many interesting and exciting ways to make our children comfortable with St Michaels to ensure their transition is a positive and fun step. We are also ensuring that St Michaels have all required information to support the new starter. Last year due to COVID-19 restrictions we could not do as much as we wanted in this area, but this has only increased our energy to have the best possible relationship in place with the school to give our leavers the best possible start in their new surroundings.



### Autumn Term Funding

If your child will be eligible for funding from September, you will shortly receive a funding claim form. This will need to be completed and returned to us asap. If you are intending to claim the extra entitlement (15 – 30 hours) please ensure you make your claim now and ensure you complete the eligibility code and NI number on your funding claim form.

**Claims made after 31<sup>st</sup> August will not be paid until January 2022.**

For more information about extended entitlement, eligibility and how to claim, please go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



### CO-OP Charity

We have again been successful in our application to be one of Co-Op's chosen charities.

You can allocate 1% from your membership scheme to support Pre-School. This can be completed on the CO-OP website

<https://membership.coop.co.uk>



### Amazon Smiles

You can now help raise money for Pre-School just by shopping on Amazon.

Please use link:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1022276-0>

Everything you spend via this link earns funds for us! The prices are the same and the Amazon service is the same





## Outdoor Play and Little Explorers

“Little explorers” is our early years introduction to outdoor play. This is currently available for blue group. This focuses on getting children outdoors and interacting with their natural environment in all weathers in our local area. You will all get a chance to see these wonderful activities and fun learning opportunities in your child’s online learning journal on Tapestry and the closed Facebook group through the coming months.

We are incredibly lucky to have a large and safe outdoor play area our children can utilise on every session to improve their mental and physical wellbeing. To ensure your child benefits from this important part of their learning development please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing.



### TAPESTRY

#### Tapestry Journal and Parent Engagement

At Pre-School we are fully using Tapestry. This tool lets us create a digital learning journal for each child. This journal can be securely accessed by those involved in your child’s care and enables us to communicate easily and efficiently between staff and parents. This tool gives us a greater ability to monitor your child’s progress and make sure we are providing tailored support and guidance as needed. But it also allow you as parents and carers to see your child’s development and provides the ability to add your own content to the journal, which will give your child’s key worker a greater insight into your child’s development by seeing them in their home environment as well as at pre-school.

New families to the pre-school will be given a consent form to sign as part of their child’s induction. Once you have returned your letter giving consent you will be contacted on how to look at your child’s achievements and share their wow moments from home, via tapestry online. Tapestry is available as a secure app to make accessing your child’s learning journal even easier. We hope you will enjoy using tapestry and find it a valuable resource.