



## Spring Term 1 2026 Newsletter

Happy New Year! Christmas feel a distant memory already doesn't it! The children were excited to come back and tell us all about their presents! Apologies the newsletter is slightly delayed- it was a super busy first week back. I have gathered some information, which will hopefully be helpful over the next 6 weeks. As always, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support. My door is always open if you have any questions or concerns.

Danni and the team

### **Little Explorer sessions**

Little explorer sessions are planned outings in the community. Obviously, we expect them to be chilli sessions so please help by sending your child with plenty of layers. We do have plenty of puddle suits, but the children will still need a warm coat as well. Us Farnsfield bunch are made of tough stuff so only extreme weather will stop us getting out and about! Groups will be as follows:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January- Maggie, Autumn, Lyla, Olivia, Hattie, Selah

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January- Connor, Teddy E, Theo, Isaac H, Isla, Ellis

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January- Sophia, Oak, Rory, Poppy, Aurla, Edie

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January- Felix, Louie, Teddy A, Isaac M, Mila, Eagan

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Olivia, Ebony, Lyla, Henry, Autumn, Hattie

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Olive, Maisie, Connor, Louie, Issac H, Theo

### **Open Door**

Open door sessions are an opportunity to join us for the first half an hour of the day. There is no pressure to attend. If you can make it, it's a great opportunity for your child to show you around the setting and have a look at their Pre-School Adventure book. As always if you would really like to stay one day but can't make a planned session just shout up.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

## **New Snack Menu/ Lunch boxes**

The new snack menu for this term is now on both the Facebook page and the website, please do have a look and let me know your thoughts. We are always open to ideas so please share. Just a polite reminder that healthy and well-balanced options are encouraged in lunch boxes. We cannot re-heat food in Pre-School, however if you wanted your child to have something warm you are welcome to send something in a food flask. Please do not send any nuts, nut butter, sweets, marshmallows or popcorn in lunch boxes. Food considered a choking hazard such as grapes, tomatoes, large blue berries should be cut into quarters. Sausage, cheese, avocado and carrots should be served in long batons. As we do not have the fridge capacity to store lunch boxes food hygiene advises using ice packs if the lunch box contains any dairy or meat. Milk or water is encouraged to drink. Ideally all children should have their own water bottle so they can access this throughout the day.

## **Toys from Home**

Starting this week, we are really cracking down on children bringing toys from home. It's difficult as toys from home are causing lots of conflict, stopping children engaging in activities and getting lost and damaged. We are starting a 'going home box', it will be kept outside, children will need to put them in the box before coming in and parents will be responsible for collecting them at the end of the day. Allowances will be made for dysregulation or if children become very upset. Please help us by discussing this with the children at home. The best option is to leave them at home/in the car. As with everything, we do really appreciate your support in this matter.

## **Personal Belongings**

LABEL, LABEL, LABEL! Please label as much of your child's belongings as possible. We try hard to make sure everything stays with the right child, but I am convinced the children try their best to lose their belongings! When things are labelled, it makes them much easier to re-unite. Top Tip- sew gloves to a piece of string/wool/elastic so they can be threaded through coat sleeves!

## **Key Workers**

If at any point you would like a catch up with your key worker, (can be face to face or via the phone), please let us know and we can schedule it in the diary.

## **Absence**

Please remember to inform us if your child is not attending Pre-School. If we do not hear from you an hour into the session, expect a phone call. This is a requirement we have to follow from OFSTED. You can call, send a message or email us.



## **Illness and Isolation**

Covid 19	To stay at home whilst ill
Sickness and Diarrhoea	48 hours since last bout of sickness/diarrhoea
Chicken Pox	Once spots have scabbed over children can return
Conjunctivitis	Once course of eye drops has been started children can return
Cough and colds	Children are welcome to attend if they are well enough (no temp) children must be allowed outside!
Hand Foot and Mouth	Once most blisters have scabbed over children can return
Worms	Please inform staff- Once treatment has started children can return
Head lice	No isolation required
New medication	If never had medication before, please allow 24 hours at home to ensure no adverse effects from medication before returning to setting.

**Ultimately if children are attending Pre-School, they must be well enough to take part in all activities, including going outside and water play.**

## **Invoices**

Thank- you to everyone who made prompt payment last half term. It's no secret money is extremely tight. Prompt payment helps us to pay all the bills and keep Pre-School running. Please check your invoices (will come out this week). They will have a date on to be paid by- two weeks before end of term. If payment hasn't been received, I will give you a polite nudge. If you find yourself struggling to pay the invoice, please come and speak to us and we will see what we can do to help.

## **Fundraising/ Board of Trustees**

As a charitable organisation, fundraising is vital for us. All fundraising is used to benefit the children, either through resources, experiences or staff training. We understand times are tough and money is tight, especially at this time of year. Below are ways you can help support fundraising at Pre-School, sometimes without even spending a penny!

- Sponsor/ donate towards an event. Sponsorship of an event is very helpful as it means when we have events all raised funds are profit. In turn we are happy to share websites/ social media pages/ send business cards home. You will also be added to our sponsorship page on the website for a year! Remember, sponsorship can go through your company books as advertising! Please speak to Danni if you would like to make a sponsorship or donation.
- A lot of larger companies have 'community donation' pots. Sometimes money and sometimes offering staff time- please ask around.
- A larger project we would like to save for is an improved kitchen space. This is a multi-used space, kitchen/staff room/office and a space the children often use for one to one/small group time. Shout up if you spot anyone selling a kitchen!
- Become a trustee. If you or someone you know would like to find out a little more about becoming a trustee let me know. Our board of trustees are all volunteers who give their time to help with the running of pre-school. Without a board, we cannot remain open! If you feel this is a little more than you could commit to, I am looking to open a 'friends of pre-school', to help with some fundraising ideas/offer help and advice.

- Spread the word. They say the best form of advertising comes from word of mouth. We run a waiting list, so can put names down at any age.
- Babies and Toddlers, Friday's 9-11 term time in the Methodist Church. If you can't make it tell your friends.
- The Easy Fundraising platform- It's completely free for both you and us! Simply visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) search for us and sign up. It's free and takes two minutes. Use this platform when online shopping and it generates fundraising. We have earned over £400 so far from this, at no cost and we keep 100% of donations.

### **Multi sports with Jack and Becky Bops sessions**

Week 1- Thursday Becky

Week 2- Thursday Jack

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Week 3- Monday Jack

Week 4- Wednesday Becky

Week 6- Jack (day to be confirmed)

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Break up Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Return Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Break Up- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Return- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Break Up Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Return- Tuesday 2nd June

Break Up- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset days- 1<sup>st</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> July

Graduation for school leavers (info closer to the time) 24<sup>th</sup> July 10:30-1.00

