



Wroughton Preschool Newsletter Term 3

Welcome Back

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. On behalf of all the staff I would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts we received at the end of term.

URGENT - School Admissions

Please remember that if you have a child who was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2023.

New starters

This term we are pleased to be welcoming some new children (and their families) to Wroughton Preschool. We hope they will enjoy their time with us.

!! Help needed - Towel Fairy!!

Due to costs rising we will no longer be buying paper towels. We have gone back to each child having their own small towel on their peg to dry their hands.

We would be grateful if each week a 'towel fairy' could take the towels home to wash. Hopefully, parents could take turns with this. We will leave the wash bag outside the door at home time on Thursday or Friday for collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

Policies

There have been some updates to the policies on the Preschool website (including Safeguarding Children and Child Protection)

Termly Theme

For the first part of term 3 we will be continuing with the theme of Winter.

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year.

For the last three weeks our theme will be traditional stories, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood.

If your child has any interests or favourite stories, please let us know.

Interactive Learning Diary

There has been a massive increase in the number of parents using the Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) which is great. We would really appreciate it if you could 'like' or comment on the observations the staff are adding to the ILD, then we know these are being read. Don't forget to add your own observations of your child, this could include learning something new, singing, dancing, counting, reading, going somewhere new, trying new foods etc. Please ask a member of staff if you have any questions.

Facebook

Look out for 'updates and what's happening' on our notice board in the entrance hall or follow us on Facebook.

Christmas Fundraising

We would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** for your support with our Christmas activities.

We raised a fantastic £422 with the raffle and £122 from the Christmas Eve letters.

With the proceeds we will be able to purchase new, fun toys for the children.

Help us when you shop ...

You can help us raise money by shopping online on our easyfundraising page:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wroughtonpresch/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e2

Important notices

★ **Please DO NOT let your children run around in the car park, there could still be cars entering. It is also slippery during the winter months (especially near our sheds).**

★ If you have a question about your child during their time in session's, please can you ask to speak to your child's keyperson or email or telephone Zena. Contact details below.

★ Reminder - Our afternoon pick up times are **2.30pm or 3pm** (unless in an emergency or appointment). It is disruptive to the staff and children if we are opening the door at random times. Please let staff know if you are picking up at 2.30pm

★ Change of collection - Ensure that the staff member at the door is made aware when someone else is collecting your child, they should be 'authorised to collect' on your registration form or if not a change of collection form should be completed and the person collecting given the correct password. We will not give your child to someone unless they have that password. In the event of an emergency and you are unable to collect your child please phone us on 812888.

Outdoor play

Now the weather is colder could you please ensure that your child brings a **warm waterproof coat and a hat and gloves** to Preschool every day. All items need to be clearly labelled.

We have free flow play in all weathers, so please ensure your child is suitably clothed.

Severe weather emergency - closure of the Preschool

As the winter months approach, I would like to remind you of the emergency closure procedure in the event of snow. We will always do our best to keep the preschool open. If the preschool must be closed due to adverse weather conditions or other major incidents, then parents will be informed via email or telephone and on our Facebook page and website.

Please ensure that we have your correct telephone numbers and email addresses and that your mobiles are switched on.

Remember - Preschool will remain open unless parents are informed otherwise.

Donations Needed

Early Educational Funding only covers the cost of childcare that is provided, all other consumables we use including snacks, Interactive Learning Diary, craft resources etc are not covered in the funding which we receive from the government.

To be able to continue to provide snack and other activities for your children we would appreciate it if every family could donate a snack or listed item at least once a term. Otherwise, we will need to start charging for this.

Every donation really does help to keep costs down for the Preschool. Please see below for donations needed:

- Fresh snacks of fruit, vegetables, and cheese.
- Cereal
- boxed tissues
- Sellotape, glue sticks, chalks (small and large), coloured and white paper, shaving foam

Dates for your diary

Term 3 starts – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Term 3 finishes – 10th February

Term 4 starts – 20th February

Term 4 finishes – 31st March
(Easter activities and dates to follow shortly).

Contact details

Zena Warburton (Room Supervisor and Designated Safeguarding Lead) – for concerns/ questions about your child or what is happening at Preschool and any safeguarding concerns– zenaw.wps@outlook.com / telephone: 01793 812888

Katie Woodcock (Administration Supervisor) – for funding, children's sessions, enquiries - wroughtonpreschool_enquiry@live.co.uk /telephone: 01793 798000

Preschool Chairperson – Committee meetings / fundraising. If you have a complaint - wroughtonpreschool@gmail.com

