



Langham Pre-School Newsletter Summer Term ~ April 2018

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Dear Parents,

We hope you have an enjoyable Easter and we are looking forward to a very busy Summer term. We hope that Spring has certainly sprung to enjoy additional time outside with pleasant weather?

Welcome to our new families who join us this term.

Please note staff are always willing and available to speak to parents. We would like parents to feel very welcome and that our door is always open to you.



Announcement – Staff News

With a heavy heart, I will be retiring from the Pre-School on Thursday 24th May 2018.

I've had an amazing 15+ years at the Pre-School and have worked with some amazing colleagues. I've had the privilege of getting to know you as parents and the most rewarding job of nurturing your child(ren) to become confident independent learners.

Interviews have taken place and you will soon be informed of my successor.

Sessions

If you would like to change or increase your child's sessions, please speak to Hayley as soon as possible, so that she can do her best to accommodate you. Any additional sessions must be paid for on the day.



P.E. Session

after the lunch club session

We will be introducing a P.E. session during our afternoon sessions. If your child attends any of our afternoon sessions, please provide a named PE kit, consisting of a change of footwear e.g. plimsolls, shorts and a t-shirt. **Parents are requested to leave their child's P.E. kit at pre-school.** The inclusion of a P.E. kit will provide an opportunity for exercise and the experience of learning to change clothes, a skill required when starting primary school.

Why not use one of your discounted vouchers attached to participate in a P.E. session?

Parents help is essential to make this happen!
Please remember to name all items.

Absences



Please inform pre-school if your child is unable to attend on a particular day for any reason by texting or phoning the pre-school mobile ☎07930 963638. If we do not hear from you, we will make first day contact – courtesy telephone call to enquire about your child not attending the session.

Children must not be brought into pre-school if they are unwell

Also could you provide us with your holiday dates if they are to be taken in term time.

School Readiness



We will be focusing on preparing your child for school. We want to help you support your child get ready for school. It's not about the RAW (reading, arithmetic and writing) skills - rather helping children be curious, confident and ready to learn.

If your child is starting school in September, please let us know which school he/she will be attending. We aim to provide a smooth transition for your child to Primary School and will be happy to share information/arrange visits from reception teachers for this to happen.

'WOW' Awards



We would love to hear if your child has achieved anything significant in their development and, likewise, we will inform you of any 'wow' moments we witness during their time with us. A supply of Wow Awards to record these achievements are available in the foyer for your use.

Sun Safe Agreement



Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, especially when the sun comes out to play. For this reason we must stress that all children have a high factor sun cream applied before each session and you provide your child with a named wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap.

For children staying all day we will re-apply sun cream.

Parents must supply sun cream.



Please don't forget to add photos to tapestry, we love to see what you get up to at home, it's a great talking point with the children and allows them to reflect on previous events.

We would also request parents to complete the 'About Me' section on tapestry.

Stay and Play Sessions



We offer the opportunity for parents/carers to stay and play in session time. This enable you to observe your child 'busy' in pre-school activities and socialising with other children and gives you an opportunity to try your hand at something new, and observe your child in a new situation.

Please come and stay and play for a session if you are able to, this gives a much more in depth insight into how your children learn while they are with us.



Polite Reminder – Please do not park in the designated disabled spaces when dropping or picking your child up from Pre-School. We ask that you respect this please, as the spaces are there for disabled people only. Thank you.



Healthy Eating



Please kindly ensure that all food in lunch boxes does not contain nuts or any nut products by carefully checking all food labels; especially peanut butter, chocolate spread and cereal bars. We promote healthy eating at pre-school and all our snacks encourage the children to eat healthily. We ask that all children bring a well-balanced lunch, please follow this link for ideas on healthy lunchboxes.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

Please therefore, save treats for when you are at home. Please could we also ask that you are realistic about how much food you provide in their lunch box.

Please also remember to provide a drink in your child's lunch box.

Show & Tell – Jolly Phonics

This term we will be asking children to find objects in the setting linking letter sounds to words



Sponsorship Colour Challenge



During the February half-term we asked children to take part in a sponsored colour box challenge. We hope your children had fun collecting as many individual items/objects of **one colour** to fill a Box.

This is a good activity for children to recognise colours and develop counting objects.

Thank you if you have already returned a completed box and sponsorship money. So far we have raised £211.50 which is amazing!

It is not too late to return completed boxes and sponsorship money. All money received will go towards purchasing a new art easel for the children to enjoy.

Please note all objects will be returned to you immediately.

*If you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact Mel. **Please do not contact Staff through social media i.e. Facebook.***

We are always looking for new ideas when it comes to fundraising – If you would like to become involved, please speak to Hayley.

Business Manager - Hayley Jakeman

Nominated Ofsted Person – Mel Everett

Committee Members – Nahida De Leon (Chairperson), Jenny Russell (Secretary)

Jana Moles (Treasurer), Faye Mallett, Lucy Legallant Samuel, Leah Brown

We are always looking for new and active committee members. If you would like to get involved please speak to Hayley or Nahida