



## Langham Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a fantastic summer break. Welcome to our new families, please say hello if you see an unfamiliar face.



### Announcements Staff/Committee News

As some of you are aware; sadly, two of our committee members left at the end of last term. We are now looking to replace them with two new members, please if you have any spare time, or you would like to get involved with your pre-school community, speak to a member of staff.

Nicola and Clair will be job sharing the Deputy Manager role, both supporting Maria and the staff team.

Ellesse is in her second year of the level 3 qualification in childcare and will be qualified by the end of the Autumn term.

Last term we said hello to Lilly Mills, who joined us as a bank member of staff, Lilly now has more hours and has key children, which will be overseen by Maria.

Debbie Woodhouse remains our bank member of staff, covering staff absences as and when needed.

### Absences

Please inform pre-school if your child is unable to attend on a 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.

### Children's Groups. (Lions/Bears)

I am sure your children have informed you if they are becoming a lion this term. Some children were so excited. If your child starts school in September 2020, they are now a lion

If your child starts school in September 2021, they are now a bear

The lion's day is more structured towards learning than the younger ones. (Although lots of play opportunities are still offered). We will be starting phonic lessons very soon. The lions will also have small worksheets to complete to encourage pencil control; they will also start looking at shapes and numbers in more depth. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

Maria will be giving out a copy of the phonic actions to help you understand what your child is learning.

Please make sure all children have a book bag (to be bought daily), slippers in their drawer, a water bottle (clearly labelled), as well of spare clothes on their peg (again clearly labelled).

Can you please make sure we have the correct email for your family, as weekly emails are sent out and we don't want any family to not be getting the information contained in them.

### Winter is coming.

Please ensure your child has wellie boots to change into on wet days as we still access the outdoor area, as well as a waterproof coat and an umbrella. (All labelled)

### Activities for this half term.

We will be looking at some books in depth this term, such as 'Brown bear, Brown bear', to help with colour recognition. As well as a classic fairy tale, which the children will choose from a short list. We will be encouraging independence in the arts area, where children will be able to select their own material to create with.

We will continue to use the field for PE sessions until the weather permits us not to do so.

We also really enjoy family members coming along to spend time with us, if this is something you would like to do, please speak to a member of staff.

### Website news.

Our new, fresher website has now been set up and we would like to thank Paul Armstrong, a Langham village resident, for all his hard work over the summer. Paul has worked extremely hard to get the website up and running, please have a look

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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.



### 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. We ask that each family brings a healthy piece of fruit daily for us to share at snack time, as well as a packet of savoury biscuits or crackers once a week. 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 bottle (clearly labelled)

### Woody the Pre-School rabbit.

If you would like to take woody home for the weekend and share him with your family, please speak to a member of the team.

### Fundraising

At the end of last term, a family donated a £1000 to us to spend on equipment. The Family do not want to be named. We would like to say a huge thank you to the family. (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE). This money has been spent on enhancing our sensory area, which was much needed, the children will reap so many benefits from this.

We are always looking at ways to fundraise for various things. If you would like to get involved, please speak to a member of the team.

All monies raised will go towards purchasing equipment/toys for the children.

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September; Pre-school opens**

#### Term Dates

Last day before half-term; Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Half Term; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Pre-School returns; Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Last day of term; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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

*If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Maria or a member of the team*

**Nominated Ofsted Person – Maria Bukovenczki Business Manager - Hayley Jakeman**

***We are always looking for new and active committee members. If you would like to get involved, please speak to a member of the team***