



## NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3!**

### **Christmas**

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your families. In December, the children were very busy learning their Christmas songs, making and posting their cards, baking cakes and wrapping their plants ready to give as gifts.

The Christmas party was a fun (and busy!!) way to end a lovely term and to celebrate together. We hope you enjoyed the children's amazing singing. We were all certainly very proud of them!

### **Welcome**

This term, we welcome Nieve, JJ and their families to Pre-School. They are currently having their 'settling in' sessions and will be joining us very soon.

Welcome also to Toni Cox (Ava's Mummy), who joins the staff team in the role of administrator. Toni will be a familiar figure to very many of you, and we are delighted that she has joined our team. We would like to take this opportunity once again to thank Vikki for all that she has done for Pre-School over the years and to wish her all the very best for the future.

### **School lunches**

A reminder that you have the opportunity to book a hot lunch for your child via the school. Please see Mrs Rance, the school secretary if you wish to do this. Please also note that these should be booked and paid for in advance and that you will also need to inform Mrs Rance if you change your child's days.

### **Tapestry**

Thank you for all your positive feedback regarding Tapestry. We are glad that you are enjoying being able to access your child's learning journey with ease. Please add your own observations and comments too. This will help us to build a better picture of your child, and in turn enable us

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to work with you to support their further development and learning. Please speak to your keyperson if you have any questions about accessing Tapestry.

### **Clothing**

Please ensure that your child comes to Pre-School with clothing and footwear that is appropriate for the weather and the activities that we will be doing. As we are encouraging the children to be independent, where possible, please provide them with shoes and boots that they can put on by themselves.

On Monday afternoons, we offer outdoor learning, for which the children will need to have warm, waterproof coats and wellies. On Wednesday mornings we have PE, for which the children will need trainers.

### **Toys from home**

Many children are bringing in toys from home. Whilst it is lovely to see their favourite toys, unfortunately, many of them are getting lost or damaged. Therefore, if possible, please encourage your child to keep them at home. We understand that this is easier said than done (!) so if this is not possible, please ensure that your child puts their toy away safely in their bag before they come into the classroom. We will continue to work with you to support you in this.

Best wishes,

Annie, Kelly, Emmanuelle, Tanya, Jamie and Marilyn

### **Term dates 2018**

#### **Term Three**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Friday 9 February, 2018

*Spring Half Term*

*Saturday 10 February, 2018 - Sunday 18 February, 2018*

#### **Term Four**

Monday 19 February, 2018 - Thursday 29 March, 2018

*Easter Holidays*

*Friday 30 March, 2018 - Sunday 15 April, 2018*

#### **Term Five**

Monday 16 April, 2018 - Friday 25 May, 2018

*Summer Half Term*

*Saturday 26 May, 2018 - Sunday 3 June, 2018*

#### **Term Six**

Monday 4 June, 2018 - Wednesday 25 July, 2018