

Stoughton Pre-School Spring Newsletter



January 2014

Dear Parent/Carer,

A big welcome to all parents and children, new and existing. I hope you enjoyed your Christmas Break, although it probably feels like a distant memory by now!

The theme for the Spring term is 'People Who Help Us'

We will be exploring the theme of people who help us throughout this term and we will use the theme in a number of activities which we hope the children will enjoy. All parents are welcome to participate as we learn about people who help us - please see Mandy or Zoe for details. Other key areas we will be focusing on include:

Song: Miss Polly had a dolly (song sheet attached)

Colour: Green

Book: Topsy and Tim go to hospital

Shape: Circle in Rabbits Room and Rectangle in Bears Room

Events to be aware of:

- Chinese New Year 31st January – 2nd February - it is the year of the Horse.
- Shove Tuesday 4th March we will be enjoying pancakes for snack that day.
- TBC we have a nurse (parent) to visit as part of our theme people who help us.
- TBC the Fire Service has been requested to pay us a visit.

Session and Pick-Up Times:

Please can I ask that all children are collected on time. Morning Sessions finish at 12.00pm, Lunch Club at 12.30pm and Afternoon Sessions at 3.30pm. There have been a few recent occasions where children have been collected quite late, which can be upsetting for the children and is unfair to pre-school staff. We do understand that at times you may be delayed but it is important you contact the Pre-School to make us aware. Unfortunately late collection charges will have to be applied to reimburse staff for their time should they have to stay beyond their agreed hours.

The term dates for spring are detailed below:

Open: Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April

Closed: Half Term 17th February to 21st February

Open: Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Closed: Easter Break 7th April to 21st April (return to Preschool Tuesday 22nd April)

Important information

If you change any of your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, can you please make sure that Mandy or Zoe are notified in writing or via email. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

Can you help?

We are still collecting items to go into our treasure basket (which is age appropriate for Rabbits room) and Heuristic play (which is age appropriate for Bears room). We are looking for a variety of materials such as small plastic bottles (food colouring size), natural materials (e.g. sponges) beads, large buttons, wooden curtain rings, empty milk tins , make up brushes, small and large paper bags (some jewellers and shoe shops use them).

Small request:

Please refrain from leaving medication in your child's bag. We understand that this time of year children might need medication to aid their coughs and colds, however unless it has been prescribe by a doctor we are unable to administer it.

Lunch Club:

Lunch Club is popular with many of our children and runs daily, 12.00pm to 12.30pm. If you would like your child to attend Lunch Club please let a member of staff know or drop Mandy an email. If your child does attend, can you please ensure that their Lunch Box is clearly named and placed on the wooden trolley in the foyer. Can I please remind parents / carers that we are a no nut Pre-school which includes Nutella chocolate spread and Pesto.

Clothes/Nappies:

We ask all parents to provide a named change of clothes along with suitable clothing for the time of year. Named Wellington boots are essential when we play on the wet field or go to the park. Please also remember to pack several spare nappies or pull-ups.

Many thanks,

Mandy Holloway

Stoughton Pre-School Manager

Miss Polly Had a Dolly

Miss Polly had a dolly
Who was sick, sick, sick

So she called for the Doctor
To be quick, quick, quick
The Doctor came

With his bag and his hat
And he knocked on the door
With a rat-tat-tat

He looked at the dolly
And he shook his head
The he said, Miss Polly
Put her straight to bed

He wrote on a paper
For a pill, pill, pill
I'll be back in the morning
With my bill, bill, bill