

Spring Newsletter 2022



COMMUNICATION

We need parents to maintain communication with us at all times but especially in the following situations:

- Other than when your child is ill, please ensure your child attends regularly. Regular attendance is important for the children to get the best possible experience to support their learning. Our new curriculum is packed with learning opportunities and is fast paced to meet the demands of the revised EYFS. We need children to attend all their sessions.
- If your child has an injury that was sustained outside of Pre-School, please make sure you inform us so that we can record it.
- Please note that we require one week's notice if you want to cancel your child's hot meals.
- Please keep us up to date with your telephone number and email address.
- You must ensure that if you have a holiday booked during term time, you inform us by completing a Holiday Information Form (these can be found in the cloakroom) as soon as possible.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

**Thursday 7th
and Friday 8th April**

will be Easter celebrations/raffles. Parents/carers are invited back at 11.15am for the morning session and 2.30pm for the afternoon session.



NAPPIES

If your child wears nappies, please ensure you provide wipes and spare clothing as well, as we do not supply these.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the last few months our Executive Headteacher, Becky Cook, has been busy creating our exciting new website. We plan to place the majority of our letters on the website, (which will be indicated by a text) rather than print out copies, in order to do our bit for the environment. Please have a look at the website <https://watertonpreschools.org> which has a wealth of information.

Also, please continue to 'like' and 'share' our Facebook posts, as this will help to spread the word about us.

PICKING UP TIMES

The doors open at 11.55am for you to collect your child from morning session. The doors open at 3.00pm in the afternoon so you can collect your child any time after this but before 3.15pm.

Please be aware that Night Owls After School Club starts at 3.15pm.

All Pre-school children, not attending Night Owls, must be collected before 3:15.

CLOTHING/UNIFORM



Can we please remind you to make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat and gloves as the children spend time learning outdoors every day.

May we also ask each child to bring a pair of named wellington boots to leave at Pre-School throughout the spring months as we will be tending our garden on a regular basis. Please ensure that your child wears shoes and outdoor clothing that are easy to take off and put back on as they will need to know how to do this at school. If you could also encourage this at home, this will help prepare your child even more.

All clothing, especially uniform must be clearly named.

MEDICINES



If your child is taking prescribed medication, a staff member will be able to assist you with the forms we need you to complete as it must be signed in and out. Medicines **must not** be left in the children's bags in the cloakroom.

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FRUIT BOWL

As part of our healthy eating strategy, we would like parents to bring some fresh fruit per day to put in our snack bowl which is in the cloakroom. We also welcome vegetables, breadsticks, dried fruit and crackers, but not crisps or chocolate please! We hope this will encourage the children to eat a variety of food – subject of course to any known allergies!



CHILDREN'S ARTWORK



Can we remind you to check, on a daily basis, whether there is any of your children's artwork that needs to be taken home. This is something your child has spent time producing and is proud of.

AMAZON WISHLIST

Just a reminder that we still have our 'Wishlist' of books on Amazon, so if you could add a book to your shopping basket this would be wonderful! Our book Wishlist link is: -

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GPF50MAOZ2AB?ref=wl_share



OUR SERVICES

Are you aware that we provide a before and after school club, open from 7.30am to 6.00pm, during term time for Pre-School children? We also run a Holiday Club, which we operate during several of the school holidays. **From September we will be offering 48 weeks of Early Education and Childcare, 7:30am -6:00pm.**

Stay and play sessions are going to be re-introduced back into Pre-School. This is where parents can visit Pre-School on the day your children attend, participate in activities and chat with your child's keyworker.

SICKNESS/ABSENCES

If your child is ill with a cold, cough or sickness, please ring as soon as possible on the first day, as we need to record their absence in our



register. **Children of pre-school age spread germs between themselves more easily than older children so please keep them at home until they are well.**

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day on 3rd March, we would like each child to dress up as their favourite book character.

PERSONAL TOYS

Pre-school has plenty of toys to play with, so we discourage children from bringing in toys from home. These can get lost or broken and children become very upset when this happens.

OUR ALLOTMENT

We are currently planning our allotment for this year and would love to involve parents and carers in it. Anything you can bring in to enhance this area would be most gratefully received, for example strawberry plants, onion bulbs and tomato plants.

DIARY DATES

We close on **Friday 18th February** and re-open **Monday 28th February**.

We are closed on **Thursday 24th March** – Staff training day

We close on **Friday 8th April** and re-open **Monday 25th April**.

We are closed on **Monday 2nd May** - May Day

We are closed on **Thursday 5th May** - Election Day

Wednesday 18th /Thursday 19th May
Parents' evening

