

Spring Newsletter 2023

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 two weeks' 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 30th
and Friday 31st March**

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



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROVISION

Did you know that we are open 52 weeks of the year (less Bank holiday and staff training days)?

You can send your child every school holiday from 7.30am – 6.00pm. If you require this service please see Lindsey/Joanne for a booking form.

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 after school sessions start at 3.15pm and **all**

Pre-school children, not attending after school, must be collected before this time.

CLOTHING/UNIFORM



Can we please remind you to make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat and gloves as we like the children to be able to play out and have some fresh air, even in the colder months. Please can you provide a spare set of clothing for when children have been playing in the outdoor provision.

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.

Can we also ask that all clothing, especially uniform, is named.

NAPPIES

If your child is in nappies or toilet training, please ensure you provide nappies/wipes and spare clothing as we do not supply these.

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!



Can I remind you that your child doesn't need a water bottle at pre-school as there is water available at all times throughout the day.

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 session, open from 7.30am to 6.00pm, for Pre-school children?

Stay and play sessions - 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 sore throat, please ring as soon as possible on their first day, as we need to record their absence in our register. All children with sickness and diarrhoea must refrain from attending 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. **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 2nd March, we would like each child to dress up from their favourite book.



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. If you are green fingered and can spare some of your time this would be wonderful!

DIARY DATES

End of school term
Friday 10th February and
re-open **Monday 20th February**.

We are closed on
Friday 24th March – Staff training day

End of school term
Friday 31st March and
re-open **Monday 17th April**.

We are closed on
Monday 1st May - May Day
Monday 15th /Wednesday 17th May
Parents' evening

We are closed on
Friday 26th May – Staff training day