



*"Where learning and play
come hand in hand"*

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TICKTON PRE-SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 2020

Welcome to all our new families and children, and welcome back to our old hands; we hope everyone had a lovely half term break.

Please could parents who are going to receive funding after Easter 2020 let us know what pre-school sessions they would like for the coming term (some families will be entitled to 30 Hour funding / 15 Hours funding a week. We will need your 30 Hour codes before 31st MARCH. Please talk to your key worker about this at any time.

Please remember to refresh your funding entitlement online every term.

Please register for your 30-hour funding and tax-free childcare on the following website - www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Whilst this remains your responsibility, we are happy to help with this at any time.



Book week 2/3/20. We will be celebrating **national book day**, for a week, at pre-school W/C 2/3/2020. Children will be involved in an array of book associated projects throughout the week, including making their own books and puppets. **Thursday 5th March is world book day and we encourage children to dress up** on this day as their favoured book character and/or bring in their favourite book (this is not mandatory; we understand some children would prefer not to). If children do not attend Thursday's they are more than welcome to do this at any other point in the week. **Parents are welcome to stay at pre-school and read with their children at any time.**

Parent Coffee Morning and 'Playdough Making' Workshop (All welcome).

TUESDAY 17th MARCH 9:15 – 10:30am (free coffee/tea and cake!)

All parents and families are welcome to come to a 'playdough making workshop' and coffee morning. Please let Helen know if you would like to attend.

Tickton Pre-school term dates have been updated online at:

www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk

We are kindly asking for donations of vegetable plants, seeds and/or sensory plants (non-toxic) such as herbs etc. for our outdoor classroom/garden area. It will soon be ready to plant for spring/summer. If any parents would like to get involved in this, we welcome your help and input.

During the next half-term children will be focusing on spring, changes in the environment, environmental walks, nature spotting, group discussion skills, sorting, communication, mark-making and transitions. A flexible planning framework is available on our website www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk

Home links to learning:

We have many take home packs and learning sacks that families can borrow to use at home. All families are welcome to use these to enhance learning at home, please speak to your key worker and they will arrange for you to borrow these. We welcome any information you can give us regarding your child's development and have attached a form at the back of this newsletter for families to complete and share with their key worker.

Please can parents make sure that children have changing bags, wipes and spare clothes with them every day – during the spring we tend to have a lot more water play and large-scale messy activities going on in the pre-school. Thank you.

Just a reminder that you are free to take your child's profile folder home at any time. You should have received a summative assessment (a summary of your child's development and next steps) – if you have any questions regarding this record your key person is happy to discuss at any point (face to face or via the telephone, if this is more convenient).

Please find information attached for you to read 'A rich palette' (painting, collage and junk modelling have many benefits for children beyond self-expression and creativity) find out why...

We aim to support your child and you as a family as much as possible, if you wish to discuss any issues please feel free to talk to us or call us at any time.



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Focusing on _____ (Your child's name).

We will be observing while they play, to find out more about their interests and how they are progressing, please feel free to send in pictures of your child and family enjoying activities out of pre-school. Or perhaps they have something else that is special to them that they would like to bring in and share with us.

We value the knowledge and understanding you have of your child, and would really appreciate it if you would share the knowledge and understanding you have of them; this is so that together we can plan activities to meet your child needs. This will help us plan for their future learning and development. Please return this sheet to us as soon as you can so we can add your thoughts and ideas to our planning.

Is there anything significant happening in your child's life at the moment e.g. visits, holidays, pets and/or family celebrations?

When we are observing your child's progress and development is there anything specific you would like us to look at?