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come hand in hand"

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## **TICKTON PRE-SCHOOL & PLAY PALS - NEWSLETTER SEP/OCT 2019**

Welcome to all our new families and children, and welcome back to our old hands. Children have settled in really well after the long summer break.

Please could parents let staff know what pre-school sessions you would like for JAN 2020. Some families will be entitled to their 30 Hour funding / 15 Hours funding and / or two-year funding. Please talk to your key worker about this at any time. **Please register for your 30-hour funding and tax-free childcare on the following website - [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)**

All parents should have received a paper copy of Tickton Pre-school term dates, 2019-2020, these can also be found online at: [www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk)

**Parent and family coffee morning and play dough making workshop.**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> OCT 9:15am – 11:00am**

**All parents, families and friends welcome.**

**Home Links to Learning:** Each week we will be promoting a 'key skill' for children to practice at home. This information will be positioned on our home links to learning table near the cloakroom area and will be highlighted by key workers. Please feedback to your key worker how children's skills are progressing at home, we welcome your feedback at all times.

We also have home links to learning ideas on our setting Pinterest page and website. We have attached parent information sheets regarding effective ways to encourage children's speech and language skills and information about the value of superhero play for you to read.

**Parent Questionnaire:** We have attached a parent questionnaire regarding mark-making/drawing and writing and would greatly appreciate it if parents/families could complete these and return them to their key workers to aid future planning.



**Our Outdoor Classroom:** We are asking for any donations of winter vegetable plants and/or sensory plants such as herbs etc. for our outdoor classroom/garden area. If any parents would like to get involved in this, we welcome your help and input.

Our flexible planning framework has been added to our website and can be viewed at [www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk)

**Core Books and Songs:** Children's core books/songs and rhymes have been re-planned, if you would like a copy of this please ask your key worker at any time, copies are also available in the entrance area and on our webpage. Parents are welcome to stay at pre-school and read with their children at any time. We also have book-sacks and music bags available in our lending library that can be borrowed at any time.

**Changing Bags and Spare Clothes:** Please can parents make sure that children have changing bags with spare clothes, wipes and nappies as required. At Tickton pre-school we do a large amount of water play, clay, sand, mud play and gardening. We do provide all-in-one suits, but it is best for children to be dressed in old clothes/shoes that can be easily washed and don't cause upset if dirty. Just a reminder for all parents to please bring winter coats each day too, winter is fast approaching and children need to access the outdoor area in all weathers.

**Profiles:** Please feel free to take your child's profile home at any time. You will also be receiving a summative assessment shortly (a summary of your child's development in December) – 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). We promote parent meetings and are happy to meet at any time to discuss any aspect of pre-school life. We have also created 'play with numbers' and 'play with letters' packs that parents can borrow at any time (please ask your key worker).

**We are collecting Jam Jars with lids for future projects - please help us in this task.**

**Save the Date:** The children's 'Christmas singing' performances will take place on TUES 17<sup>th</sup> DEC (9:30am start) at the Methodist Hall, Tickton. Further information to follow after October half term.

**Lunch Times.** We are currently having a lot of food waste at lunch times, just a gentle reminder that children's tummies are small and to please monitor portion sizes in pack up lunches. We do provide health snacks during the day for children as recommended by 'Eat Better, Start Better' ([www.eatbetterstartbetter.co.uk](http://www.eatbetterstartbetter.co.uk)).

Our setting development plan for the year is available to view on our webpage. Feedback from parents has been carefully considered and included in our overall planning framework. Thank you for your ongoing and continued support.

**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. Helen 😊**

# Healthy Lunchbox!



## Healthy things



Salad, lots of fruit,  
vegetable sticks,  
yoghurts, sandwiches  
and wraps, juice  
and water.



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## Things to avoid



Biscuits, chocolate,  
cakes, fizzy drinks,  
salted nuts  
and crisps.

