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come hand in hand"*

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TICKTON PRE-SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 2017

Please let staff know what sessions you would like for SEPTEMBER 2017 (some families will be entitled to 30 Hour funding / 15 Hours funding and / or two-year funding. Please talk to your key worker.

Tickton Pre-school term dates online at: www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk



Launch of new 'Childcare Choices website' means parents now able to find available government support. Millions of parents can pre-register from today for the government's new childcare offers, with the launch of a new Childcare Choices government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

The introduction of the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme will begin on 28 April, for parents of the youngest children. It will be gradually rolled out over 2017 – cutting childcare costs for working families across the UK by up to £2,000 per child per year, or £4,000 for disabled children.

On top of this, from September this year parents of three and four year old children living in England will be able to apply for a new 30 hours free childcare offer, worth around £5,000 per child. The Childcare Choices website includes a Childcare Calculator (www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) for parents to compare all the government's childcare offers and check what works best for their families.

Through the site parents can also pre-register for email alerts that will notify them when they can apply, as well as providing details of existing government childcare offers.

We are kindly asking for donations of vegetable plants, seeds and/or sensory plants such as lavender, herbs etc. Our new garden area will soon be ready to plant!!! If any parents would like to get involved in this, we welcome your help and input. We will be having a grand opening combined with our [picnic in the park](#) this summer (information to follow soon).

If any parent is interested in completing a full first aid training course (certificate) 12Hour 'level 2 paediatric first aid' the pre-school is hosting a course on the 20 and 27th MAY. The cost will be £60 per person (the trainer is Ian Taylor from WHYtraining). For more information contact/talk to Helen.

We are open Friday afternoons after Easter – if you would like this session / or would like to change sessions please let us know.

During the next half-term children will be focusing on spring, changes in the environment, environmental walks, nature spotting, group discussion skills, sorting, mark-making and transitions (a planning framework has been added to our website www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk)

Core books/songs and rhymes have been planned, if you would like another copy of this please ask at any time.

School children will be taking part in transitional activities to school in the coming term.

We are asking children and parents to share your 'home book likes' by using the leaf provided – please fill it in, cut it out and share with pre-school on our book tree. We are also making a pre-school display about our 'favourite places to read', if you have any photos of your children reading at home please bring them in to share at group times (these would be much appreciated as a point of reference and context for discussion). Parents/carers are welcome to stay and share books with their children at any time.

EASTER HOLIDAYS: - The setting closes **FRIDAY 7th APRIL**, returning/open **MONDAY April 24th**.

MAY DAY bank holiday: –**THE SETTING IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 1st MAY**.

Term dates available online – www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk

30 HOUR FUNDING/September Sessions and Hours - Please could parents/carers whose children are funded from September let Helen know what sessions they would like in the new **SEPTEMBER 2017** term. This helps with the organisation of staff for September. Please remember that many parents will be entitled to 30Hours free childcare – please speak to Helen or email at any time for more information info@ticktonpreschool.co.uk

Just a reminder that you are free to take your child's profile home at any time. You will also be receiving 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 easier). **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.**

I hope everyone has a lovely Easter break. Helen x