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TICKTON PRE-SCHOOL & PLAY PALS - NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020.

Welcome to all our new families and children, and welcome back to our old hands, we can't wait to get started on Tuesday the 8th.

All setting policies and risk assessments have been reviewed and amended as needed and can be viewed online at www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk/policies. If you have any questions regarding the setting risk assessments and policies please contact Helen (01964 501744 / info@ticktonpreschool.co.uk) or discuss with your key worker at any time.

If you have not met your key worker yet they will be introducing themselves at your first session. Your key worker can be contacted at any time via email (they will be passing this information onto you in the coming weeks). Your child's key worker will be using their work email to contact you with pictures regularly (so you can see what your child is doing each week and you can talk to your children about their activities at home). Staff will also use this email to pass on any newsletters/information sheets to parents. If you require paper copies at any time, please ask your key worker.

A 38 week 'home links to learning' plan has been implemented at pre-school setting out key tasks children will be working on each week. To see this plan go to <https://www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk/data/documents/Home-Links-to-Learning-38-Week-Plan.pdf> on our website. Key workers will discuss this with families over the coming weeks. Please keep sharing all the wonderful play and activities children have been doing at home with us as it helps us to build up a great picture of their individual development and how we can support children going forward.

We have also implemented home links to learning ideas on our settings Pinterest page and website should parents find this helpful and I have attached to this email an info sheet called 'loud and clear' – information that focuses on communication and language – it was an interesting read and I felt parents may find it interesting and helpful too.

Please could parents let staff know what pre-school sessions you would like for JAN 2021. Some families will be entitled to their 30 Hour funding / 15 Hours funding or two-year funding. Please talk to your key worker about this at any time. **You can register for your 30-hour funding and tax-free childcare on the following website - www.childcarechoices.gov.uk**

All parents should receive a paper copy of Tickton Pre-school term dates, 2020-2021, these can also be found online at: www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk

Our Outdoor Classroom: We will be using our outdoor classroom a lot with children over the coming weeks. 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. Children are welcome to bring wellies if you feel this would be best for their outdoor play.

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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 as it is each year. Thank you for your ongoing and continued support. Our planning framework has been added to our website and can be viewed at www.ticktonpreschool.co.uk . We will be sending out parent questionnaires in October.

Core Books and Songs: We have set core books that we focus on with children at group times. Children's core books/songs and rhymes have been re-planned for the coming year and I have attached a copy of this information to this email.

Lending library. We will still be operating our lending library that includes book-sacks and music bags that can be borrowed at any time (we will clean these between uses). We have also created 'play with numbers' and 'play with letters' packs that parents can borrow at any time (please ask your key worker).

Pictures. Please can families bring in pictures of their families or pets and home life to share with key workers over the next few weeks, we will be using these pictures during group times to talk with children and their friends about our families and homes.

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. **Please label everything!**

Profiles: Please feel free to take your child's profile home at any time. This is a record of all the observations we do at pre-school on your child - demonstrating their development and progress. You will also be receiving a summative assessment (a summary of your child's development in December (this will be sent via email) – 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).

Parent meetings. We promote parent meetings and will happy to meet at any time (social distancing) to discuss any aspect of pre-school life and your child's development – we are planning to use the garden area for these meetings.

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

Lunch Times. To avoid 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 healthy snacks during the day for children as recommended by 'Eat Better, Start Better' (www.eatbetterstartbetter.co.uk).

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 😊

(Setting Manager, 01964 501744).

Healthy Lunchbox!

Healthy things



Things to avoid

