Newsletter Spring term 2

Open door sessions 9-9:30am

Friday 28th February

Thursday 6th March

Wednesday 12th March

Tuesday 18th March

Monday 24t March

Friday 4th April

**Parent Meetings**

A chance for you to catch up with your child’s key worker, to discuss progress and learning intentions. For those children starting school in September this will be a great opportunity to school readiness. As always, we operate an open-door policy, if you wish to discuss development/ concerns please don’t feel you have to wait, just shout up.

Your key worker will check with you over the coming weeks if you wish to book an appointment.

Sam will catch her parents throughout this half term.

Week beginning 10th March- Anneline and Amelia

 17th March- Amanda and Laura

 24th March- Emma and Emma

**Mother’s Day**

We will be having a Mother’s Day stay and play Monday 31st March 9-10:30. This is an opportunity for a special lady in your child’s life to join us for a play and some breakfast. Everyone is welcome, even if your child does not usually attend on a Monday. Please let me know if you can make it, and if you have any dietary requirements.

**Sports with Jack**

Sessions run 10:30-11:30

Monday 24th February

Tuesday 4th March

Wednesday 12th March

Thursday 20th March

Friday 28th March

Tuesday 1st April

**Becky Bops**

Sessions run 11.20-12

Thursday 27th February

Tuesday 11th March

Wednesday 26th March

**Singing at the Friendship Club**

Friday 7th March 1pm- we are off to sing to the Granny’s and Grandad’s at the friendship club

**Sessions**

Sessions are filling fast for the summer term, so if you are looking to change days/ add sessions please come and see me asap. Where possible I try to prioritise current children for sessions. September 25- the new funding coming into force, all children over 9 months of working parents will be entitled to 30 hours a week (term time). Due to this additional funding, I suspect spaces will fill quicker next term, if you are thinking of adding sessions please come and see me so I can get them pencilled in.

Please let us know of any holidays booked.

**Absence Policy**

Just a reminder if your child is not attending, please let us know. If we do not hear from you, we will call to check- this falls inline with our safeguarding requirements set by Notts county council.

**Clothing/ personal items**

I know is say it constantly, but please label all of your child’s belongings. We feel awful when things go missing/ go home with the wrong child. Unless it is a comforter (even then we encourage them to stay in bags/trays), we would rather the children do not bring toys from home, they can cause conflict/ get lost/ get broken. Not bringing things from home is also the start of preparing your child for school. Most schools will not allow toys/ dummies or comforters unless the child had SEN needs.

**Lunch Boxes**

When it comes to lunch boxes, we have strict rules to follow set by the food standards agency and by the department for education. A few things to bear in mind-

* Lunch boxes must be clean
* Lunch boxes must be well balanced- we discourage sweets and full-size chocolate bars
* Please don’t overfill lunch boxes- I know its tempting to offer a wide variety but some lunches we see are more than an adult could eat! The children can find this over whelming and either eat less or feel they have to eat it all. Ideally lunch should take no longer than 20 minutes to eat (about the time the will also be given at school)
* We cannot re- heat food, however you are welcome to use the ‘hot pots’ that keep food warm
* Small foods such as grapes/ cherry tomatoes and sausages MUST be cut length ways to reduce the risk of choking.
* Water/ milk is encouraged to drink (we are happy to provide this)

**Committee**

As a registered charity, we do not have an ‘owner’. We do, however, have a group of volunteers who make up our committee. We are desperate for more parent volunteers to join. Joining our committee means you will get a say in the running of pre-school, help with fundraising events and ensure the team are adhering to rules and regulations set by various governing bodies. You do not need any prior experience and can choose to be as involved as much or as little as you like. Safer recruitment requires a DBS to be completed which we can help with. Joining the committee is not only an opportunity to give back to the community but also a great space to enhance your own CV, as well as make new friends. If you would like more information, please speak with either Tammi or Danni.

**Baby and Toddler’s**

Just a reminder we run a baby and toddler group for all children under 5. The group runs from the upper village hall on Thursday 9-11. Sessions are £3 for up two children then 50p per extra child. They include a snack for the little ones and the all-important hot drink for the grown-ups. Sessions are run by two staff members. Please spread the word to family and friends.

**Easter holidays**

Last day of term- Friday 7th April

Return Tuesday 22nd April

The door is always open if you ever fancy a chat and a cuppa. We also thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Danni and the team.