

# Tiggers



## NEWS

Louise, Debbie, Sue, Sue, Marie, Lesley, Ruby and Sally would like to welcome all the children, parents and carers back after the break.

We will be focusing this half term on 'People who Help Us', Please encourage your child to bring an item in for show & tell for either the topic or letter of the week (nothing of value & named please), or if you as a parent or carer wishes to talk to the children about a special celebration then please let us know you are always very welcome

### **Inset Days Pre-school CLOSED!**

We have now set our inset days;

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

We are sorry if these dates cause an inconvenience, we use these days for future planning, training and maintenance.



## **Easter Coffee Morning**

We will be holding our annual Easter coffee morning on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30 am at pre-school, there will be an Easter bonnet parade, raffle, tombola, refreshments and more.

So let's start making those Easter bonnets!



### **Fundraising Plant Sale**

All plant orders are now in, funds for the pre-school should exceed £150, thanks to all who bought plants. Delivery middle of May (TBC). Happy Planting!

### **Lunch Boxes**

Please provide your child with a variety of healthy foods in their lunch box, could we also ask No sweets! Thank you

### **Name Them, Name Them, Name Them!**



Please name everything your child brings into pre-school, bags, coats, lunch boxes etc, as you would be surprised how many children do have the same items. Please remember to send you child with a waterproof coat that has a hood. Wellies if the weather is particularly wet, we go out whatever the weather!

### **Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday in March to

Rupert is 4! Alfie is 3!

Ewan is 3!



### **Fee Increase**

Our fees for 3 & 4 year olds are now in line with the government funding, this fee reflects the child staff ratios of one staff member to every 8 children. A pre-school learning alliance study already shows that there is still a shortfall in funding overall.

The government funded rate for 2 year olds is at present £4.85, our fee is £4.30 which does not reflect the child to staff ratio of 1 staff for every 4 children.

Within the last two years there have been six pre-schools in the local area which have been forced to close.

The government has now bought in the living wage, plus pensions are also to be introduced, we have also incurred a fee increase in rent for the hall.

In order for our community, charity run pre-school to remain open we will be increasing our fees for all two year olds.

An increase to £4.80 an hour from April 2016 will be applied.

If you have any queries or questions about the increase PLEASE speak to a member of staff or committee, thank you.

(The Pre-school will continue to review our fees on a regular basis)

## Parents Information

There is a lot of information on the table and notice board in the foyer, pre-school policies, staff/committee information, what we are planning for snack, activities for the children, ideas to support your child's learning at home, please take time to read, thank you



## Jobs

We are looking for someone to do some jobs around the pre-school, changing locks on cupboards, castors, general DIY to keep our pre-school ship shape, if you or you know someone who is interested please speak to a member of staff, thank you

## Parent Afternoon

Parent's afternoon will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1pm – 2pm. This is a chance to talk to your child's key person, ask any questions and look through their learning journey.

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Week	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>			
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Theme	Doctors Nurses	Fire crew	Police	Dentist	Crossing Patrol			

## Term dates

Spring Term 2

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Summer Term 1

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Summer Term 2

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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