



# Tiggers News

Welcome back after the Christmas break  
We will be focusing this half term on 'Rhyme & Rhythm' incorporating some fantastic books. 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

## Christmas Party

Thankyou to all the staff and helpers at the Christmas party, Mrs Sparkle was fantastic and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Shottle Hall Christmas Fair

We would like to say a huge thank you to all that baked, bought, ate and helped out on the cake stall at Shottle Hall.  
We raised an amazing £406.

## Calpol

At preschool we do understand children do become ill and as a parent/carer a child may be given infant paracetamol or similar before attending preschool. Could we please ask you inform us if this occurs, we will ask you to provide details, dose/time etc.  
If a medical emergency occurs this information can then be passed straight onto the medical professionals, thank you.

## Name Them, Name Them, Name Them!

### What to bring with you.

Please name everything your child brings into preschool, bags, coats, lunch boxes etc, as you would be surprised how many children do have the same items. Please remember to send your child to preschool with the appropriate coats, hats etc.

A spare set of clothes is a must for wet or messy play.

Nappies, nappy bags, wipes etc.

Encourage your child's **independence skills** by providing them with clothes, shoes etc. for small hands/fingers, for example jogging bottoms/leggings when toilet training, velcro/zips on fastenings. Children need time to practise their independence, please encourage this at home, Thank you.

## Courses

Derbyshire County Council now have several courses available to parents including paediatric first aid, a list of courses & prices is in the foyer, please speak to Louise if you would like further information.

## Lunch Boxes, Allergies

Please do not provide any nut products in your child's lunch box, thank you.

Could we please ask all parents to cut all grapes, cherry tomatoes and olives etc. in half, sideways, not length ways, thank you.

Please provide your child with a variety of healthy foods in their lunch box, drink & don't forget an ice block! Thank you

## Summer Opening?

We are looking into opening during the summer holiday for 3 / 4 weeks making our registration 41/42 weeks per year.

A survey will be put to parents to enable us to get a clear picture as to whether this is a viable option, for more information speak to Louise.

## Mobile Phones

Could we please ask that parents DO NOT use their mobile phones within preschool for any reason, we have very strict guidelines and policies in place.



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday in January to Harry is 4!

February to Alfie is 3!

Half Term Overview		
Week	Letter	Theme/Books
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	h	Gruffalo Stick Man
15 <sup>th</sup>	r	Squash and a Squeeze The Giant Who Came to Town
22 <sup>nd</sup>	m	One Mole Digging A whole Monkey Puzzle
29 <sup>th</sup>	d	Crunch Munch Dinosaur Pooped
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	g	Don't Wake the Bear Going on a Bear Hunt
12 <sup>th</sup>	o	The Fish Who Could Wish Singing Mermaid



### **HANDi App**

A new app has been launched to provide advice and support to parents, carers and healthcare professionals looking after children with the most common childhood illnesses.

### **Keep up to date**

Website

<http://www.turnditchanddistrictplaygroup.co.uk/>

### **Facebook**

Our new face book page is

<https://www.facebook.com/turnditchpreschool/>

### **Dates for Your Calendar**

#### **Term Dates**

Spring 1: 8th Jan – 15th February (6 weeks)

Spring 2: 25th February – 12th April (7 weeks)

Summer 1: 30th April – 24th May (4 weeks)

Summer 2: 4th June – 19th July (7 weeks)

### **Inset Days Preschool Closed**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**End of Year Party** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
(tbc)

### **Parents Afternoon**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 12 – 1pm (tbc)