



# Tiggers News

We would like to welcome everyone back after the break.

We will be focusing this half term on 'Countries'.



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday In January to Chloe is 4!

## Fundraising - Cocktail Night

Unfortunately, this event was cancelled. But do not hang up those sombreros as it is to be re-scheduled for next May 2023!

## Christmas Cake & Coffee

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, from 3pm at preschool. Cake sale, coffee, hotdogs, squash.

A lovely get together before Christmas to bring in the festive season.

We will be asking for donations of cakes etc Separate letter to go out later.

## Christmas party

Tiggers is holding our Christmas party on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 11.45am – 1.45pm all the children registered with the pre-school are invited. There will be a very special guest arriving at 1.35pm, someone who is very jolly, wears red and is very, very busy at this time of year!

The cost of the party is £7 per child attending.

There will be a normal session in the morning, if your child stays for lunch, please DO NOT provide a packed lunch, thank you. The preschool will be closing for Christmas at 1.45pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, returning on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

## Cauliflower Cards

Thank you to all who ordered Christmas cards etc, we thought they looked amazing. I have had confirmation that the orders have been received and are being processed so we should receive them soon.

## Applying for Primary School

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, they will be eligible to

start school in September 2023. You should apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2023. If applying for a Derbyshire school, you can make an application at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx> from 9am on 7 November 2022.

You'll get your offer of a place on 17 April 2023.

## Drop Off

We do feel that when parents drop off their children in the mornings at the door the process has been less traumatic for the children, and they do settle better into the morning session.

But we do miss the interaction with parents, please feel free to let the staff member on the door know that you would like to accompany your child into the setting to drop them off, it will be lovely to see you.

## 30 Hour Codes

For those parents claiming 30 hours funding, please remember to re-confirm your codes when asked to.

The cut off dates for claiming the 30 hours are:

August 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for Autumn Term

December 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for Spring Term

March 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for Summer Term.

Please remember to renew your codes!

## Childcare Choices

Can you get help with your childcare costs?

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> Is a website set up by the government which brings all your options to one website.

## Name Them, Name Them, Name Them!

### What to bring and NOT 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.

Wipes, nappies, nappy sacks if needed, spare clothes are a must.

Please dress your child for the weather, a water proof coat, hat, sun cream (named please).

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.

Half Term Overview				
Week	Letter	Theme	Role Play	Snacks
1 <sup>st</sup> November	ck	China	Chinese takeaway	Noodles
8 <sup>th</sup>	e	Africa	Music shop	Toast
15 <sup>th</sup>	h	Islands in the Pacific Ocean	At sea	Fresh fruit
22 <sup>nd</sup>	r	Arabia	Camping	Cheese & crackers
29 <sup>th</sup>	m	India	Market stall	Fresh fruit
6 <sup>th</sup> December	d	Australia	Post office	Bread sticks & dips
13 <sup>th</sup>	g	Artic	Igloos & Ice	Crumpets
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas – children's choice			Fruit and biscuits

### Lunch

Please provide your child with a variety of healthy foods in their lunch box, drink, please peel oranges etc.

Please do not provide any sweets or nut products, in your child's lunch box, & do not forget an ice block! Thank you

**Allergies** – As we ask on our registration forms, please keep us up to date with any allergies or intolerances your child may have.

### Learning at Home

'Hungry little Minds' is a website set up by the government to provide ideas on how parents can help in their child's learning at home. There are also recommendations of some free, fun, educational apps for you to engage in with your child.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Following on from this the BBC launched a website 'Tiny Happy People' to help you at home develop your child's communication skills, explore simple activities, play ideas and find out about your child's amazing early development.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

### Keep up to date

#### Website

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

#### Facebook

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

### WhatsApp

If you wish to join our parents WhatsApp group, please drop us an email and we will send you a direct link.

### Term dates

Autumn 2: 1<sup>st</sup> November – 22<sup>nd</sup> December (8 weeks)

Spring 1: 10<sup>th</sup> January – February 17<sup>th</sup> (6 weeks)

Spring 2: 28<sup>th</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> March (5 weeks)

Summer 1: 18<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> May (6 weeks)

Summer 2: 6<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July (7 weeks)

### Inset Days

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July (tbc) 2023

We have one inset day yet to set

### Dates for your diary

Cake and Coffee: Thursday 34<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Party: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

End of year party: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

01/11/2022 Thank you for your support