

We would like to welcome everyone back after the break.

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



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday In March to Fern is 4! Georgie is 3! In April to Oliver is 3!

Fundraising - Cocktail Night

The new date for this event will be 13th May 2023, letter to be sent out separately. Please support us!

Easer Bonnet Parade & Fair

We are holding our annual Easter fundraiser on Thursday 30th March from 3pm at preschool. There will be an Easter bonnet parade, raffle, chocolate tombola, cake stall, refreshments and lots, lots more.

There will be prizes for the best bonnets for preschool children, plus an additional prize for older children wishing to participate.

So let's get gluing, sticking, painting and start

We will be asking for donations of your fabulous cakes nearer the time, thank you.

Fee Increase

We will be increasing our fees from April (Summer term).

2 year rate £6.50 per hour

making those Easter Bonnets!

3 & 4 year old rate £5.50 per hour

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 2nd March. Your child can dress up in any fancy dress they wish (optional), all the children will receive £1 book token to spend at any local participating retailers.

Applying for Primary School

The date for applying for a primary school date has passed, but you can make a late application for a place from 9am on Monday

23rd January, on the Derbyshire County Council website.

You will get an offer of a place on 17th April 2023.

CLOSED, Thursday 4th May

The hall is to be used as a polling station on Thursday 4th May, so unfortunately Preschool will be closed all day.

Inset Day

Our final inset day is Friday 30th June. Inset days are closed to all children.

Illness

Please remember it is 48 hrs from the last instance of diarrhoea or sickness before your child can return to preschool. For any illness requiring antibiotics our policy is 24 hrs from the first dose and your child is well enough to attend before your child returns to preschool. We ask you do not send your child to preschool if they are unwell, and please do tell us if they have been given any childhood paracetamol or similar when you drop off your child at preschool, thank you.

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 31st to be eligible for Autumn Term December 31st to be eligible for Spring Term March 31st 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.

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

Spring 2: 28th February – 31st March (5 weeks) Summer 1: 18th April – 26th May (6 weeks) Summer 2: 6th June – 21st July (7 weeks)

Inset Days

Thursday 1st September 2022 Friday 2nd September 2022 Friday 21st July 2023 Friday 30th June 2023 Inset days are closed to all children.

Dates for your diary

CLOSED Thursday 4th May Polling World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023 Easter Fair Thursday 30th March 2023 from 3pm Cocktail night Saturday 13th May tbc Inset day Friday 30th June 2023 End of year party: Thursday 20th July 2023

Thank you for your support 28/02/2023

| Half Term Overview | | | | |
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| Week | Letter | Theme | Role Play | Snacks |
| 28 th February | d | Safari animals | Camping | Toast, raisins |
| 7 th March | g | Arctic animals | Igloo, artic camp | Noodles, cereal |
| 14 th | 0 | British Wildlife | Shop, café | Fresh fruit |
| 21 st | u | Pets | Vets | Fromage frais, cereal |
| 28 th | I | Farm Animals | Farm Shop | Bagels cream cheese |
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