



# Tiggers News

We would like to welcome everyone back after the break.

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

We welcome parents/carers into our setting to talk about their Occupation, hobbies or interests. If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff, thank you.

## School Applications for Reception Class 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you should apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2025. You'll be able to apply from 11 November 2024. To apply in Derbyshire - <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday in December to Sophia is 4!

## Monday Opening?

We have the opportunity of extending our opening times to include a Monday AM, 9am – 12.30pm, from either Christmas or after the Easter break. This will totally be dependent on staffing, plus interest from parents/carers.

Please let us know your views, plus whether you would definitely be interested in this additional session for your child. Please see additional letter.

## Christmas Party

We are holding our Christmas party on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 12.45pm – 1.45pm all the children registered with the pre-school are invited. There will be a very special guest arriving at 1.30pm, someone who is very jolly, wears red and is very, very busy at this time of year! The cost of the party is £8 per child attending. There will be a normal session in the morning (please DO NOT provide a packed lunch, thanks). The pre-school will be closing for Christmas at 1.45pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, returning on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. Please see additional letter.

## Fees

Please may we remind you your child's fees within 2 weeks of issue of invoices. Also, please return your remittance slip with the date and method of payment, thank you.

## ADHOC Sessions

We will always try and accommodate any sessions parents wish their child to attend, although this may not always be available due to various reasons. Could we please ask for at least 48 hours' notice if you wish your child to attend extra sessions, as we may need to adjust our staffing ratios. If your request is made out of preschool hours by email, we will get back to you at our earliest opportunity. We will always try and accommodate children in an emergency at short notice. Thank you.

## 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 your child may attend preschool 24 hrs from the first dose given and your child must be well enough to attend. We will administer antibiotics that have been prescribed and have a clear label with the dose and the child's name from the pharmacy, parents have to fill out a consent form to enable us to do this.

We do not administer any childhood paracetamol or ibuprofen (please do not leave this in your child's bag or any other medication).

We ask you do not send your child to preschool if they are unwell (children do tell us if they have been ill during the night/morning or they have been given medicine!) and please do tell us if they have been given any childhood paracetamol or similar that morning 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.

## 15/30 Hour Codes

For those parents claiming 15/30 hours funding, please remember to re-confirm your codes when

asked to, you should receive an email from HMRC.

The cut off dates for claiming the 15/30 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**

From April 2024 childcare funding is changing!  
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.

Please provide wipes, nappies, nappy sacks if needed, spare clothes are a must.

Please dress your child for the weather, a waterproof coat, hat, sun cream (named please). Please NO crocs or flipflops as these are a trip hazard in the playground!

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 skills, please encourage this at home, Thank you.

### **Lunch**

Please provide your child with a variety of healthy foods in their lunch box, please provide a drink (we do provide water throughout the session and at lunch)

**Choking** - some fruits, vegetables can provide a choking risk, please cut grapes, baby tomatoes into 4 pieces, cut hard vegetables into batons, thank you.

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>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>

CEOP is an excellent website to find out more about keeping your child safe online.

'It's never too early to start taking action to keep your child safe online.

As soon as your child starts talking about or exploring the online world, you should start conversations with them about their online activity and put support in place. Research has found that children form 'digital habits' during early development (such as using devices after bedtime). Therefore, it is important for parents to support children to develop positive – and lasting – digital habits from an early age.' (taken from their website)

### **Keep up to date and follow us :**

#### **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 2024 – 2025**

Autumn Term 2 2024 – November 5th – 20th  
December (7 weeks)

Spring Term 1 2025 – January 7th – February 14th (6 weeks)

Spring Term 2 2025 – February 25th – April 4th (6 weeks)

Summer Term 1 2025 – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May (5 weeks)

Summer Term 2 2025 – June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July (8 weeks)

### **Inset days 2024 – 2025 Preschool CLOSED to all children (we have one more inset date to set)**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Half Term Overview

Week	Letter	Theme	Role Play	Snacks
5 <sup>th</sup> November	h	pets	vets	Yogurts/cereal
12 <sup>th</sup>	r	Farm	Farm shop	Pittas/dips Rice cakes
19 <sup>th</sup>	m	Wild	Camping	Noodles biscuits
26 <sup>th</sup>	d	Dinosaurs	Hospital	Toast raisins
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	g	Artic	Post office	Cheese & crackers cereal
10 <sup>th</sup>	o	Christmas	Toy shop	Fresh fruit Rice cakes
17 <sup>th</sup>	u	Christmas	Home at Christmas	Crumpets biscuits