



Worlingham Pre-School

Newsletter October 2020

Welcome:

We would like to welcome all new children and their families to our pre-school and say welcome back to all our previous children and their families. We hope you have a wonderful time with us.

We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone donating £1.00 per week snack money; this has really helped with costs. Please continue to support us with your snack donations.

Colours/letters of The Week: From 19th October 2020

Week beginning 19 th October	Colour PINK	Letter Hh
HALF TERM Friday 23 rd – Friday 30 th October 2020		
Week beginning 2 nd November	Colour BLACK	Letter Ii
Week beginning 9 th November	Colour WHITE	Letter Jj
Week beginning 16 th November	Colour GREY	Letter Kk
Week beginning 23 rd November	Colour BRONZE	Letter Ll
Week beginning 30 th November	Colour SILVER	Letter Mm
Week beginning 7 th December	Colour GOLD	Letter Nn
Week beginning 14 th December	Colour RED	Letter Oo

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LAST DAY: MONDAY/TUESDAY 14TH/15TH DECEMBER 2020:

Registered Charity NO:1027941

Dates for your diary:

We are closed from Friday 23rd October for half term and return on from Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 14th December:

Christmas party day for all children. Children leaving in July 2021 to go to school will have a party in the morning starting at your child's usual times. All children returning in September 2021 will have their party in the afternoon from 1 – 3.00pm only. **Please note there will be no lunch club or usual afternoon session. This is the last day for all children except for the below children.**

Tuesday 15th December: No Christmas play due to Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Only children in today are those who had to stay at home on Thursday 17th September due to staff shortages. Children to attend am and pm as their usual times on a Thursday, to make up for the closure.

Parent/Carer Evenings:

This is still to be decided due to Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Committee Meeting:

We will be holding our AGM and general committee meeting on **Thursday 12th November at 7pm** either on Zoom/Microsoft teams. All parents/carers are very welcome to join us. We are always looking for new members, as a charity **we must have a committee to stay open. The committee members must be from our pre-school parent/carers.** Please speak to Angie if you feel you may be interested in taking on a role/joining us on zoom.

We are in need of new members now, so please help!

Estimated Term Dates: Not the same as Worlingham Primary school:

Spring Term 2021:

Return: Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February

Half Term Break: Monday 17th February to Friday 19th February

Return: Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th March

Easter Break

Summer Term 2021:

Return: Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May (Closed Monday 3rd May)

Half Term Break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Return: Monday 7th June to Friday 16th July

End of Pre-school Year

Fundraising:

We will inform you of any events that we would like you to support and help us with in the near future, your support and help is much needed by us.

Staff:

We are hoping to have two new qualified staff members, starting very shortly and they will be taking on some key children from other staff. You will be informed if your child will be changing key person

Angie away: On **Monday 2nd November** and from **Monday 7th December 2020** and will back in pre-school from Monday 4th January 2021 but will also be working from home/pre-school during the Christmas break to prepare for the new children starting in the January term etc.. While Angie is away Gail will be running the pre-school as deputy manager, so please help her by making sure you tell her who is collecting your child at the end of each session/day.

Inside Notice Boards:

Parent/carer notice boards are near the coat trolley, which contains information like funding info, colour/letter of the week, children centre timetable of events, snack offered, newsletter, our term dates, key person statement, pre-school timetable, session plans. On the right when you enter the lobby is if you are concerned about a child info (safeguarding) committee & staff members, parent/carer's rota, childcare leaflets. Wall directly facing you is our Ofsted registration & insurance certificate, our pre-school over the years photos, On the trolley below is our policies, operational plan etc. fruit donation tin, uniform & prices. On the entrance door some everyday information like committee meetings, chicken pox, head lice etc... please check every now and again as we do not always give out this information in your child's red bag.

Outside Notice Board:

Pre-School, primary school & high school phone numbers, funding info, children centre information, 72 hours non- attendance if child has diarrhoea/sickness, our term dates, safeguarding statement, Ofsted phone number, reminders of Ofsted inspection report, learning journey etc... **White Board:** Things that have happened during the session e.g. Teacher's visiting, uniform in, baking etc...

Some activities carried out in past terms in 2020:

The children did many activities throughout the last year, which are all based on mainly their individual interests in pre-school and are planned for on a two- weekly basis:- Below are a few activities carried out.

Inside: *Wall theme- Bee Happy Flower Festival, Cooking* – making playdough, rainbow cake and biscuits, *Dressing up/role play/music & dance:* hairdressing, farmyard, vets, Doctors, songs, dancing tumble tots & other rhymes and pop songs using MP3 player. *DVD's* – Makaton, Boogie Beebies, Firework stories, dancing and sounds *Stories* – dress up and act out the Christmas story, Prop stories e.g. Mad Marvin, Baby Owls, Action rhymes etc...

Outside: Acting out stories on our outdoor climbing apparatus such as Billy Goats Gruff, Mini Beast hunts, games and stories, ride-on's, parachute, Mr Wolf, water/sand play, **Role Play** – builder's yard, etc...

Please remember this is only some of the activities done during last year, if you would like more information about activities done please ask your child's key person. CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAY AT THIS AGE.

Many thanks for your continued support!

Angie Gurney (Manager)