



January 2020 Newsletter

Dates

Spring Term 2020

Wednesday 8th January 2020 - Friday 14th Feb 2020 - Spring 1
Monday 17th February 2020 - Friday 21st February 2020 - Half Term
Monday 24th February 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020 Spring 2

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 - INSET DAY
Friday 8th May - Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 21st April 2020 - Friday 22nd May 2020 - Summer 1
Monday 25th May 2020 - Friday 29th May - Half Term
Monday 1st June 2020 - INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd June 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020 - Summer 2
This equates to 36 weeks and 2 days, which is 1 week and 3 days less than the funded 38 weeks. If you have any queries, please come and see us. Please note that you are not charged for bank holidays and INSET DAYS.

Welcome back! Thank you for all of our lovely presents and cards.
We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are all ready for a fun filled term ahead.

Topic

This half term our topic is The Land Before Time, we will be kicking off the term by looking at healthy eating before moving onto dinosaurs, volcanoes and all that comes with them!

Healthy Eating - in an attempt at encouraging healthy eating we all have a picture of a rainbow and each time a different coloured piece of fruit is eaten we are colouring that colour on our rainbow. All the children who complete the challenge will get a reward sticker.

Phonics - in phonics we will be looking at rhyme and alliteration in preparation for us beginning to teach letter sounds in the coming months.

Maths - in maths we will be focusing on sequencing and patterns, so if you see any whilst you are out and about or at home please come and share your findings.

Collection

A gentle reminder that preschool finishes at 2:30pm. Please could all parents make an effort to be on time as staff also have on going commitments and children of their own to collect. If late collections persist then we may be forced into applying our late collection charge.

School Places

This is your final reminder that closing dates for applications is **15th January 2020**. If you are yet to complete your application, then please do in now! The link you will require is...

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Changes to hours

Please may we ask that if you are planning on making changes to your child's sessions / hours then we will need notice of this change before Friday 7th February any changes requested after this date will not be able to be put into place until after the Easter holidays.

Lunch boxes

A gentle reminder that lunch boxes should contain, a single small treat ie a cake or a biscuit, please can you not put in sweets, lollipops or bars of chocolate. A healthy and filling lunch box should contain a sandwich or something similar ie pasta, crackers, breadsticks and humous etc, one yogurt, a piece of fruit and a treat. Remember they only have small tummies and we have already had our mid-morning snack.

Uniform

If anyone would like to purchase any uniform, please let us know and we can put in an order that will be ready in January. The items are priced as follows:

Sweatshirt	£9.00
Cardigan	£11.00
Polo Shirt	£6.50
Bag	£5.00

Parking

Please can we remind parent that under no circumstances are you allowed to stop or park your car in the disabled parking bays outside. We understand that it may only be for a few minutes whilst you pick up your child, but the manager of the centre has CCTV and we get a complaint every time someone does it.

Warm clothes

Lastly, the weather is still very cold, and we would request that you send your children to preschool in suitable clothing. This should include a warm coat, hats, gloves, scarf and if a pair of wellies can be sent in that would also be very helpful. We would ask that children

do not wear wellies during the sessions as they aren't suitable for indoor play.

Best wishes

Claire, Shamira and the Totterdown Team