



March 2020 Newsletter

Dates

Spring Term 2020

Monday 24th February 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020 Spring 2 (11:30am finish)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 - INSET DAY

Thursday 7th May 2020- POLLING DAY (Preschool Closed)

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.

Topic

We have now begun our new topic of Changes and have already discussed the different seasons that we have and are looking forward to looking at life cycles where we will be joined by some very welcome friends...watch this space!

Maths - we are spending this term investigating Numicon and all that we can learn from this wonderful maths aid. During this time we will aim to count, match, order, weigh and even begin to add.

Phonics - we have begun to teach all the pre-schoolers a new sound/letter of the week, so far we have learnt the letter 's' and the sound that it makes. This will then be followed by 'a, t, i, p, n' which will take us up to the Easter break.

As stated in our last newsletter we would like to invite parents of children leaving to go to school to come in and visit us for a short discussion on how we teach phonics at our preschools. This will take place

On... Wednesday 18th March

At...2pm

At...Deepcut Village Centre (In a meeting room)

We promise not to keep you for long but it would help the children and us for you to see how each phonics session runs and the sources to find the correct pronunciations.

Funding forms

You may be aware that a Summer declaration form has been sent out. Could you please return these by Friday 27th March 2020. If you wish to make changes to your child's sessions / days then could you please let either Shamira or Claire know first so that they can check that the requested changes are available, this needs to be done before filling in the declaration form. If you require a paper version then please let us know.

Meetings / Spring Reports

By the end of the Spring term you will receive either an invite in to preschool to have a settling in meeting with your child's key worker or you will be handed a Spring term report. If you wish to discuss the given report with your key worker then please feel free to make an appointment. If it can't be had before the Easter break then the practitioner will do their best to see you as soon as we return.

Water bottles

Please can we remind you only to fill your child's water bottle with water. Once they go to school, they will only be allowed to drink water and it is a good habit to get them into now.

Polling day

Please be aware that we have just been informed that the centre will be closed to us on the 7th May due to it being a polling station. Unfortunately, we will therefore be closed on that day and unlike last year will not be able to offer alternative care at our other preschool due to the increase in numbers.

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.

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.

Best wishes

Claire, Shamira and the Totterdown Team