

NEWSLETTER

11th September 2020

Welcome Back! It is fantastic to have the children back at preschool, and brilliant to see how well they are all coping with our new routines and settling back in to preschool. Once again thank you to you all for your patience and understanding regarding these changes.

Welcome back to Sophie who has returned as the Tiger group keyworker after a somewhat extended maternity leave.

An Appeal from the Preschool Management Committee

Would you like to have a part in making our lovely preschool the best that it can be?

Would you like to get involved in making decisions that will affect your children?
Would you like to help in raising funds for new equipment that your children will be able to enjoy?

Long Buckby Preschool is a not-for-profit organisation and without a committee, the preschool would be unable to open up its doors.

We are looking for new volunteers to join our committee this September. We need to fill the following roles:- Chair, Secretary and general committee members.

If you are interested in joining us or if you would like more information then please do get in touch.

Tapestry

All children are now set up with their online learning journals and requests to activate the parent accounts have been sent out. If you have not already activated your account please do so as soon as possible. Tapestry observations can be viewed and added via the app, however you will need to access the full site via your internet browser to use the care diary facilities.

This year we shall be extending our use of Tapestry for reporting of accidents and injuries. Using this facility means that we reduce the need for parents to sign paperwork at pick up time. If your child has an accident at preschool you will be

informed upon collection and asked to authorise the entry on their Tapestry care diary. Once this is done, a digital copy of the report will be sent to the email address(es) linked to their account, which would ask that you acknowledge with a reply in the diary. You will also be notified through the care diary of any toileting accidents or nappy changes.

We shall also be using the tapestry memo function, alongside our email system, to keep you up to date with event in preschool. Thank you to those of you who have responded to our memo asking for family photos to be added to Tapestry. These will be put up in our home corner area in the coming weeks. If you have not already done so please share your family photo with us so that your child can be included in the display.

A separate email will be sent out next week detailing how the care diary works, but if you need any help using any of the Tapestry functions please let us know.

Lunchboxes, bags & coats

Can we please remind you that all belongings coming to preschool need to be named in a visible area. Bags and lunchboxes on the outside please. Also please bear in mind that the children are asked to carry their own things in and out of the preschool, and up the stairs with supervision, so please only pack the essentials.

Facebook

Please ensure that you follow our Facebook page and that you are a member of the private parents and carers group to keep up to date with the events happening at preschool.

Council Funding Parent Contract Forms

Thank you to those that have completed these forms. If you have not yet signed your form or returned it to us please do so ASAP.

Fundraising – Bags 2 School

The children have all been sent home with a Bags2School donation bag. If you have any items that you wish to donate to help raise funds for preschool please pop them in the bag and drop them to preschool after 3pm on Monday 28th September or before 9am Tuesday 29th September. For more information regarding what you can include in the bag please visit www.bags2school.com

Dates for the Diary

Term 1

Tues 29th Sept Bags2School
Thu 22nd Oct Preschool Closes

Term 2

Mon 2nd Nov Preschool Opens
Fri 18th Dec Preschool Closes

Term 3

Tues 5th Jan Preschool Opens
Fri 12th Feb Preschool Closes

Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb Preschool Opens
Fri 26th Mar Preschool Closes

Term 5

Mon 12th April Preschool Opens
Fri 30th April Teacher Training Day
Mon 3rd May Preschool Closed – Bank Holiday
Fri 28th May Preschool Closes

Term 6

Mon 7th June Preschool Opens
Tues 20th July Preschool Closes