

## NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Happy New Year! It has been fantastic to see how many children have returned to preschool this week despite the most recent national lockdown.

The children have had a busy start to the new term and there has been much excitement as they have been sharing their news about Christmas and the toys received from Santa.

Please ensure that you are following our social media pages to keep up to date with our daily activities. For those who are not on social media here is a little snippet from yesterday's frosty fun:



Sometimes Mother Nature provides the best prompts for the children's learning. This morning the children listened to a story about Jack Frost before observing the patterns he had made on the outside of the preschool windows. After lunch we discovered some magic potions left behind by Jack (made from snow from the North and South Poles as well as fire from Jack's house). Undeterred by the cold we headed out in to the garden to mix the potions and leave them for Jack to work his magic on overnight. We finished off the afternoon on Google Earth exploring the North and South Poles, learning

that Polar Bears live in the North and penguins in the south. We even had time to explore Long Buckby and show off our navigation skills as we moved around the streets to find our houses.



## Coronavirus Update

Preschool is currently open to all children, however this is under constant review and may need alter depending on staff availability and government advice. In view of this we would be grateful if you could all complete and return the attached critical workers form to allow us to have an idea of how many families would still attend should preschool be closed to all except critical workers.

Further to the email sent earlier this week can we please remind you of the following procedures in place to keep both families and staff safe at preschool.

### Drop off and collection arrangements

This will continue to take place in the outdoor area.

Please observe social distancing and follow the one way system whilst in the outdoor area.

Please use the gravelled area in front of the Church as overflow space where possible.

Please do not bring additional adults in to the outdoor area with you – one adult per child please.

The main gate will be locked whilst the preschool is open and will be unlocked at 12noon and 3pm.

If you need to speak with your child's keyworker please do so over the green fence, to allow the remaining children to enter/exit.

Please wear a face covering

### The preschool room

We aim to ensure that the preschool room maintains well ventilated at all times and therefore the temperature of the room may be slightly lower than normal at times. Please ensure that your child has a cardigan/hoodie/jumper that they can put on if needed.

**Please remember that your child must not attend preschool if they, or a member of your household, has symptoms of coronavirus. Please following the Government protocol regarding isolation and testing.**



The poster features the HM Government and NHS logos at the top. The title 'Coronavirus How to get tested' is in large green and black text. Below the title are four illustrations: a person in bed, a person with a fever, a person coughing, and a person with a question mark. To the right of these illustrations are three bullet points: 'High temperature', 'Or a new and continuous cough', and 'Or loss of smell or taste'. Below the illustrations is a paragraph: 'If you or anyone you live with has any of these signs then you must all stay at home.' At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with the text 'STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES'.

HM Government NHS

## Coronavirus

### How to get tested

If you think you might have coronavirus you can now have a test.

The signs of coronavirus are:

- High temperature
- Or a new and continuous cough
- Or loss of smell or taste

If you or anyone you live with has any of these signs then you must all stay at home.

You can find out how to get a test and how long you need to stay at home at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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## Applying for school Places for September 2021

We are now in the final week before the deadline for applying for a place at primary schools for the September 2021 admissions. If you have not yet done so register through the Northamptonshire County Council website.



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?

Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021

It's time to apply for a Reception place

Children First Northamptonshire [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions) Northamptonshire County Council

The advertisement features a blue banner with the text 'APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE', a green banner with the question 'Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?', a circular photo of three children, a white banner with the deadline 'Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021', another green banner with 'It's time to apply for a Reception place', and a circular photo of a smiling child. At the bottom, it includes logos for Children First Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire County Council, along with the website URL.

### Dates for the Diary

#### Term 3

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Final day for school applications  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Preschool Closes

#### Term 4

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Preschool Opens  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Mar Preschool Closes

#### Term 5

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

#### Term 6

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June Preschool Opens  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July Preschool Closes