

NEWSLETTER

9th January 2020

Welcome Back and a very Happy New Year to you all. Welcome to our new starters and their families. We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas break and that the children are all excited to start a new term at preschool. We look forward to lots of fun both in preschool and out and about as we continue our adventures around the local area.

Christmas Party

It feels a long time ago now but the last newsletter went out before our Christmas Party. We hope that all children who attended had a great time and enjoyed taking part in the magic show with Steve the Magician. The end of the day saw the arrival of Father Christmas and it was a pleasure to see all children with wide eyes, big smiles and excellent manners to meet him.



Wise Owls Walk

The wise owl children enjoyed an exciting walk across the fields behind the duck pond on Wednesday. We set off on a number hunt around the nearby streets but soon decided to head into the fields in search of space to run and puddles to jump in, before returning to the pavements for our journey back to preschool. Whilst out we noticed that there were several Christmas trees that had been put out for collection by the bin men, this led us to ask "what happens to a Christmas tree after Christmas?" Our question was answered after lunch when we watch a Newsround clip



about Christmas tree recycling. We learned that real Christmas trees can be turned in to compost, wood chip or even replanted if they have a pot. One of the children also suggested that they could be used to make paper "cos paper is made from trees!" Other highlights from the morning included seeing:

- * A horse wearing a superhero mask
- * Some doggies out for a walk
- * A tractor, described at the time as having "a shaver on it", it was a hedge cutter!
- * Footprints belonging to a dog, a rabbit, a child or maybe a massive scary t-rex!
- * A man riding his bike
- * Climbing over things, and going through the little holes (dog access through the stiles)
- * Getting stuck in the mud.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Star of the Week ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Congratulations to Charlene who was chosen at this week's Star of the Week. Charlene received this for her fantastic observational skills and for asking interesting questions on the Wise Owl walk around the village.

Snack & PE Invoices

Thank you to the families who have now made contributions towards the snack and PE invoices. These invoices have now been sent for the period Jan to Feb.

We have a new menu in place for the next few weeks, this is always displayed on the notice board by the kitchen.

	Week 1 – 13/01/20	Week 2 – 20/01/20	Week 3 – 27/01/20
Monday	Yogurts	Bread sticks & dips	Rice cakes
Tuesday	Cereal	Porridge	Beans on toast
Wednesday	Mini Pizza	Fruit	Cheese & courgette scones
Thursday	Pancakes	Toast	Cereal
Friday	Egg on Toast	Crackers & cheese	Crumpets

A fruit bowl will also be available every day.

School Applications

Don't miss the deadline for applying for a school place for September 2020.
You have until Wednesday 15th January 2019 at 5pm to apply.

OFSTED Report

We are delighted to inform you all that our new Ofsted report has been published and we are officially back to Good! Please take the time to read the report as it does reflect on how hard the staff work. The report can be found at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50141405>. A hard copy is on the notice board downstairs.

To give you a sample of the report.

“Children are settled and happy”

“Staff show a clear commitment to the children”

“Children clearly demonstrate that they are emotionally secure”

Thank you to all those parents who spoke to the inspector.

Valentines Disco

Tickets will be on sale from next week for our Children's Valentine Disco. This event is being held on Saturday 8th February from 2-4pm at the Community Centre. This is a family event and older siblings are welcome to attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets cost £5 for the first child then £3.50 for additional children. There is a family ticket for £15, which admits four children. The ticket includes music and children's refreshments. We will have a face painting for a small additional charge. We are looking to hold a children's raffle. If you have items you could donate for this please bring them into Preschool.

Tickets will be available through the Preschool office, if you can't get into see us in person please e-mail and we can get tickets to you. Looking forward to see you all at this fun event to help us raise valuable funds to directly benefit our Preschool children.

Collection from Preschool

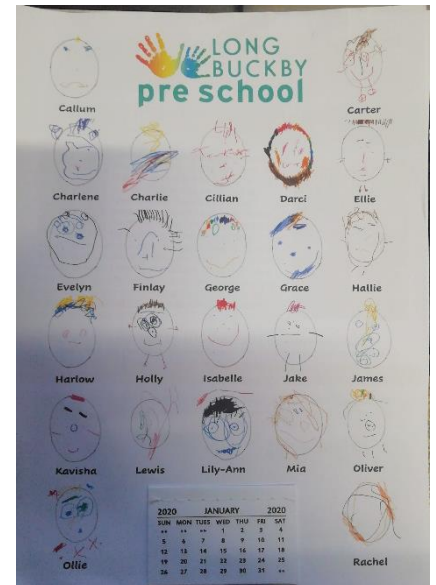
You may have noticed that our sessions are filling up. This can mean that home times can be a little hectic. To ensure that these transition times are as controlled as they can be we would like to ask that parents collect their children from the carpeted area and do not call the children to the door. The children have been told they must stay seated on the carpet until a member of staff releases them. This is a similar procedure to that used at the Infant school.

Preschool Calendar & DVD's

WE still have some calendars & DVD's to be collected. Please bring your payments in so we can give these to you.

Spare Clothes

We are finding that a number of our children do not have spare clothes left at Preschool. The children have access to water play and do sometimes get wet. We need to be able to change them into dry clothes if required. Please ensure that you remember to include SOCKS in the spare clothes that you leave on your child's pegs at Preschool as it is often their feet that get wet.



No NUT Products at Preschool

Could we please remind parents that a number of our children have allergies and it is very important that care is taken in the food sent in lunch boxes. Please ensure that NO NUT products or foods possibly containing traces of nuts are bought into Preschool.

Preschool Uniform

We only keep a small amount of Preschool uniform in stock. As we have a number of new starters we are looking to see if we need to place an order for new uniform in the next week. If you would like any uniform please complete the form attached with the newsletter and return it to the office by Mon 20th Jan.

Current CO-OP Total



Our current total is £83.98

Dates for the Diary

Term 3

Wed 15 th Jan	Final day for school applications
Sat 8 th Feb	Valentine's Disco
Fri 14 th Feb	Preschool Closes

Term 4

Mon 24 th Feb	Preschool Opens
Thu 2 nd Apr	Preschool Closes

Term 5

Mon 20 th Apr	Preschool Opens
Fri 8 th May	Bank Holiday Preschool Closed
Fri 22 nd May	Preschool Closes

Term 6

Mon 1 st Jun	Preschool Opens
Fri 17 th Jul	Preschool Closes