

# Newsletter

January 2019



Happy New Year to you all and welcome to our new children; Skye, Matthew and Violet. We look forward to seeing all of our other children back too and hope you all had a happy and restful Christmas holidays.

We start back on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**. This half term our topics will include, winter which will include taking our key children out on winter walks in small groups to look at the weather and natural world around us. This will be ongoing for the first few weeks alongside topics including 'friendship week' and 'kindness week' with Valentine's crafts. This will be followed by a focus on fairy tales and traditional tales as these are often stories the children are familiar with and they can be encouraged to join in with the stories or try to guess what happens next, helping to support their language and communication development. We will continue with more phonics activities with the children, to encourage them to listen to sounds and begin to recognise letters and sounds, particularly on Thursday afternoon sessions, but also in other sessions. Wednesday afternoon sessions continue with a focus on math, using resources and activities for the children to learn about numbers, shape, space and measure, in a fun way. We will also be taking the children on trips out to the local orchard, forest school and Over Day Centre.


**TAPESTRY – we plan to launch an online learning journal for the children to replace the paper folders so look out for communication regarding this in the New Year.**

**PLEASE LABEL BELONGINGS:** Your child's water bottle, lunchbox and rucksack need to be clearly labelled; it makes our life so much easier when looking for a child's spare clothes for example!

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** 'New Road Preschool' please join to see photos and get reminders of our events plus useful links. Staff are unable to 'friend' any parents of children attending preschool under our social media policy. We now have Wi-Fi so we should be able to post more.

#### Session times:

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>9am – 3pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>9am – 3pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>9am -3pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am -3 pm</b>

 **BUSY BAGS:** Please return anything you may find, however small, under beds or sofas as they are expensive to replace. Everything should be labelled with 'NR', or preschool/playgroup. Thank you.

**FRIENDS OF NEW ROAD PRESCHOOL:** Everyone is welcome at meetings; they are friendly and informal and a great way of getting to know other parents. Preschool really does appreciate all the hard work that we know is done by the fundraising group, paying towards the cost of outings, visitors, new resources and snack for the children. Your children are the ones who benefit from the fundraising. We have some new committee members joining us this year, thank you to Emma (Millie's mum) in her second year, Charlotte (Charlie's mum) and Michelle (Teddy's mum); we also have an active group of parents supporting them which is fabulous – THANK YOU EVERYONE.

**CHILDRENS INTEREST SHEET:** Please take time to add your children's interests to our sheet (located near the entrance door, please ask) as well as incorporating things we would like the children to learn more about, we are planning activities around their interests.

**BAGS, T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS:** We have T-shirts and sweatshirts available in 2 sizes, red, navy, purple, turquoise or royal blue, these are £5 (T-shirts) and £8 (sweatshirts) each. We also sell bags, which are great for your child to bring things to and from preschool in, these are £5.

**PACKED LUNCHES:** We promote a healthy life style at preschool, providing a healthy snack, low in salt, fat and sugar including wraps, breadsticks, fruit, vegetables, cheese and raisins. We ask that you please provide a healthy packed lunch for your children. Children will be encouraged to eat sandwiches, fruit and salad/veg first. Please don't send chocolate or sweets in their lunchbox 😊 save them for later! Please avoid nut related items in your child's lunch box, Thank you.

**EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS):** We follow the EYFS which sets standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children develop and learn well, and are kept healthy and safe. These are followed from birth until 5 years of age, when the children reach the end of their reception year at primary school. There is a parent friendly guide to this which can be viewed or downloaded here: [https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children ParentsGuide 2015 WEB.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children%20ParentsGuide%202015%20WEB.pdf) it will help you understand how we observe and assess your child's development in all 7 areas of the foundation stages. We also have a copy at preschool if you would like to look at it. If you would like any more information about early years support from Cambridgeshire council, please go to <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/working-together-children-families-and-adults/> or speak to your child's key person. We do not have parent's evenings at New Road however you do have the option of requesting a meeting with your child's key person on the feedback sheet if you have anything you would like to discuss further or ask Anne/Jeanette/Hannah or your child's key person directly if you would like a meeting.

Please register with easy fundraising to support our preschool <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> Search for Over New Road Preschool CIC and then register as a supporter. Every time you shop online the retailer makes a donation to us, this happens if you access the shops website via the Easy Fundraising web page.

**ATTENDANCE:** we have a new non-attendance policy; please let us know if your child is unfortunately off sick, or if you have holidays planned during term time by calling the preschool number. Children are not able to return to Preschool until 48 hours after sickness and diarrhoea as they may still be infectious.

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*Anne, Hannah, Jeanette, Emma, Nirujah and Catherine*

<p><b>TERM DATES 2019</b></p> <p><b>Spring Term 2019</b> Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 Half Term Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 Term ends Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.</p>
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