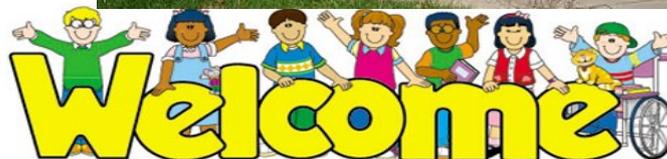


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Cowcliffe Pre-school Newsletter December 2015



What's New...

New Start: We have had a very busy term with new children and new staff. Everyone has settled in and the new staff team are working very well together. All children have settled in quickly and have been busy learning and developing.

Students: We have had two students from Huddersfield University with us this term. Hamera has been with us since October and will continue until March next year. Alice has been with us since the beginning of November and finishes at the end of this term.

New Staff: We will have two new members of staff joining us after the Christmas break. Jordanne Newsholme will be starting as an apprentice. She will be completing the new Early Years Educator Level 3 course. Shafeen will be joining us in the morning sessions. Some of you may remember Shafeen from last year. Shafeen was our Early Years Teacher student in the spring and summer term.

The Staff at Cowcliffe Pre-School wish all our families best wishes for the Christmas Holidays and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

If you have not already done so, please fill out the funding form so we can check your eligibility for the new EYPP. This is a small amount of extra money we can claim for eligible children on low incomes. The council complete a census in January and it is important we have the correct information from all families.



Fee Rates

Our fee rates for 2015/16

are:

2 Year Olds £ 10.50 per session
3 & 4 Year Olds £9.75 per session

Fees are payable half termly in advance.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th Dec—
Christmas Party

Thursday 17th Dec—last
day of the Autumn term

Monday 4th January
2016 —Reopen for the
Spring Term



Committee Matters

Parents in Action, We need YOU!

We are a charitable pre-school run by a voluntary committee of parents and people from the local community. Our AGM meeting was held on 7th October 2015.

The new Committee members are:

Fiona Clarke (Chair), Saira Shazada (Treasurer), Tina Froggett (Secretary), Debbie Nyeste, Miriam Lowbridge, Vicki Walmsley, Cherylyn Ryan, Charlotte Turner, Kiran Fazal and Ashy Rafiq. We welcome old and new members!

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Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance



Congratulations!

To Charlotte who is expecting a baby in May!

We have plans in place to cover Charlotte during her maternity leave with minimal disruption to the children.



Outdoor Play

Playing outdoors is vital to children's learning and development and our outdoor provision is a large part of the constant provision available at Cowcliffe Pre-School. We are lucky to have the space, equipment and materials available for the children to explore.

We play out in all weathers at all times of the year. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. Waterproof clothing and wellies are available at preschool for those that need it.



Many parents believe if their child plays out in the cold they will become ill.

This is a Myth! **The only thing that can cause a cold or flu is a cold or flu virus. Getting cold or wet won't give you a cold** (nhs website).



Unfortunately when children start preschool and mix with lots of other children they are exposed to different germs. In time they will build up their own immunity and become more resilient to coughs and colds.

Training

Staff are continually updating their professional development through courses and networks.

Recent training has included:

First Aid: Charlotte S

Managers Network: Miriam

Behaviour Management: Charlotte T and Charlotte S

SENCO Network: Pamela

Awareness of Child Abuse & Neglect:

Charlotte T, Miriam, Christine and Charlotte S

Safeguarding through Effective Health & Safety: Miriam

Managing Safeguarding through Supervisions: Miriam

Prevent Training (including WRAP): Miriam & Charlotte T

SEN Training: Pamela

Toothbrushing

In January we will begin toothbrushing. Each child will have their own toothbrush and staff will help the children brush their teeth at each session. Everyone will be given a toothbrush and some tooth paste to take home to continue this good practice. Please help your child to brush their teeth every morning and before they go to bed.



Please speak to Christine if you need any more information.



TAPESTRY

ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Tapestry

Have you accessed your Tapestry account? An app is available for smart phones which makes it easy to access and add observations.

Parental involvement is very important to us and your input on your child's development is essential.

Over the holidays please upload photos and observations of your child.

Leaflets are available with instructions on how to use the app in the entrance.

If you need any help please come and see Miriam!

Wedding news!

Miriam will be getting married on the 20th December 2015! We wish her lots of happiness and hope she has a wonderful day. We will welcome her back in January as Mrs Miriam Caldecott.

