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Cowcliffe Pre-school Newsletter February 2017



What's New...

New Starters: We have had a very busy term with new children. Everyone has settled in quickly and have been busy learning and developing.

Students: We have two student from Huddersfield University with us this term. Layla started in November and will continue until March this year. Charlotte is an Early Years Teacher student who started in January. She is currently working with the 2 year olds.

Staff News: Charlotte Stubbs has decided not come back to work after her maternity leave. She would like to spend more time with her little boy while he is still young. Charlotte Turner is still on long term sick and we hope she will be able to start back very soon.

We would like to welcome Sarah Thornton as a permanent member of staff who has now taken the position of Senior Assistant.

Preschool News: We are currently looking at starting a fundraising project to either replace or refurbish our preschool building. The building is now over 20 years old and in need of updating. More news to follow!

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Over the next half term, Miriam will be running a Talking Partners Programme to support Communication and Language skills. If your child is taking part you will receive a letter confirming your child's place on the programme. If you would like any further information on this, please see Miriam

We welcome your feedback

We aim to be a preschool that constantly reflects on practice. Next half term we will be giving out questionnaires to gain feedback on your thoughts and experiences about the preschool. As always, if you have any concerns please come and speak to Miriam or a member of our team.

Eggs for Sale

We are now selling our eggs.
£1.00 per 1/2 dozen.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th Feb Finish for half term

Monday 27th Feb Reopen

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day — please come dressed up as your favourite character

Tuesday 4th April—Parents Evening

Friday 7th April

Last day of 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 10th October 2016.

The new Committee members are:

Fiona Clarke (Chair), Ashy Rafiq (Treasurer), Miriam Caldecott (Secretary), Debbie Nyeste, Saira Shazadah, Charlotte Turner, Monisa Ishaq, Asiah Zulfiqar, Labryna Simon and Noreen Shahzadah. We welcome old and new members!

Registered Charity No: 1027148

Ofsted No: EY333633

Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

Training

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

Recent training has included:

Managers Network: Miriam

Mentor training: Miriam

SENCO Network: Pamela

First Aid at Work: Miriam

Paediatric First Aid Refresher: Usha, Kerry, Sarah & Jordanne

Maths is Everywhere: Whole staff training

Prevent Training: Kerry and Sarah

Fee Rates

Our fee rates for 2016/17 are:

2 Year Olds £ 4.00 per hour

3 & 4 Year Olds £3.70 per hour

Fees are payable half termly in advance.

New Opening hours

We now offer :

Breakfast club 8.30am—9.00am

Lunch Club 12.00—12.30pm

After school club 3.30pm—4pm

Full day 8.30am—4.00pm

Please speak to Miriam if you would like to add any of these sessions on to your existing times.

Next Half Term

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 2nd March and we ask that the children come to preschool dressed up as their favourite character.

During the half term we will be having a **'Book of the Week'**

We will be looking closely at the books and encouraging children to recall the stories and predict what happens next.

Week 1: We're Going on a Lion Hunt

Week 2: The little Bully

Week 3: My Mother's Sari

Week 4: Eleanor Wont Share

Week 5: Elmer and the Rainbow

New library books

Have you seen the new books in our library collection? We have a selection of books in dual languages for you to share at home.

Please encourage your child to choose a book to borrow and share with your child at home.

You could also put a picture on tapestry for the staff to see and share with your child.

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.



Please note the new URL for Tapestry

www.tapestryjournal.com

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.

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

Don't forget to upload a photo of your child doing something they enjoy!

If you need any help please come and see Miriam!

School Admissions

You will find out about your application for a school place on: **Tuesday 18th April.**