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Cowcliffe Pre-school Newsletter March 2016



What's New...

We have had another busy term with new children starting in January and look forward to meeting our new families starting after the Easter break. We changed the room layout slightly in February to offer more age appropriate activities. Unfortunately this meant children were not always with their key person. With that in mind and due to staff changes we have decided to reopen the room slightly and allow all children and staff full access to all parts of the room. We will still offer small group activities for all ages. Grouping of children will be more flexible to enable each keyperson time with their children. We will continue to closely monitor this to ensure the best outcomes for all of our children.

Students: We have had two students from Huddersfield University with us this term. Leah joined us in March and will be with us for most of the summer term. Hamera has been with us since October and finishes her placement this week. She will be staying with us for the summer term as a cover staff member.

New Staff: We are in the process of recruiting a new preschool assistant who will replace Christine. Charlotte has now started her maternity leave and Jordanne will be filling her position until January 2017 when Charlotte is due to return.

**Happy
Easter!**



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



World Book Day 3rd March 2016

A huge **Thank you** to all that took part in World Book Day. We had a great day dressing up as our favourite books characters at preschool. The children were all excited to see each other dressed up, even the staff joined in!



Toothbrushing



The tooth brushing scheme is going well and the children are very keen in keeping their smile gleaming! Don't forget to keep brushing morning and night.



Registered Charity No: 1027148

Ofsted No: EY333633

Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

Congratulations! Mr & Mrs Caldecott



20th December 2015

Training

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

Recent training has included:

- First Aid: Jordanne
- SENCO Network: Pamela
- Awareness of Child Abuse & Neglect: Pamela
- EYT Network: Miriam & Charlotte
- Making Positive Contributions to Child Protection conferences and Core Groups: Miriam
- Talking Partners: Miriam
- The Prevent Duty in Early Years Environment: Pamela, Charlotte S, Usha, Christine & Jordanne.

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.

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!



Chatterbox Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Chatterbox Challenge,
We raised a grand total of

£122.80

The money will go towards ICAN who help children who are struggling to speak and understand.

Committee Matters

Our committee members have been busy this term updating their training.

Training attended this term:

- The Prevent Duty in an Early Years Environment
- Effective Safeguarding Practice
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Being Safe: Effective First Aid Management in your setting
- Role of the Trustees in Delivering the EYFS

If you would like to join our committee for the next school year, please speak to Miriam or a member of the committee.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

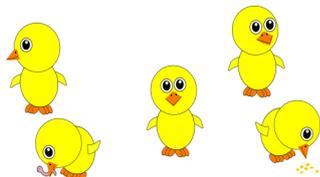


The children have enjoyed activities with the aid of the EYPP money. Two children enjoyed a trip to the theatre and we have had some rhythm and rhyme sessions

from Jo Jingles on a Tuesday afternoon.

In the summer term we have booked the Living Eggs Ready Hatch Program. We will hatch our own chicks and learn how to care for them.

We are also looking into the possibility of keeping them!



Dates for your Diary

Wed 23rd March—Parents Evening

Thursday 24rd March —Last day of term

Monday 11th April —Reopen for the summer term

Monday 2nd May —May Day Holiday

