PIED PIPER PRESCHOOL – NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2019

**FUNDRAISING**

Thank you so much to everyone who helped us raise money last term. The Toddle Waddle was a huge success and raised £415! The committee worked hard to raise £175 at the Thatcham Lights stall. The nativity stalls and raffles also did well, we raised a brilliant £259. This money goes towards resources and pays for fun experiences for the preschool, so we are enormously grateful for your help and support.



Welcome back and welcome also to the new children and parents joining us this term. We hope you all had a good Christmas. Many thanks, on behalf of all the staff, for all the lovely cards and gifts.

**SIDE AND FRONT GATES**

Please close the side and front gate when you pass through them so that no child has access to the busy road. If you see that a parent has left it open, we ask you to help us by reminding them to close it. We think the issue with the front gate’s automatic closing is resolved but please let you know if you see a problem with it.

 **FUNDING**

Those who signed their funding form in September will not need to sign it again this term, unless there have been any changes to the amount of hours being claimed. For those who will claim for the first time – we will ask you to sign your form at pick up time. If your child is paying fees a copy of your invoice is attached.

**COLLECTION OF CHILDREN**

Please help us by being prompt in collecting your children, the staff only have 30 minutes to set up for the afternoon session and have some lunch.

**SNACKS**

Attached is a form detailing the snack costs for the spring term. This is worked out at 25p per session and covers all snacks and cooking activities for the term. We will continue to provide a wide variety of healthy eating snacks for the children and will always try and encourage them to try different foods. Please keep us advised of any food allergies and/or special dietary requirements.

**TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNEYS**

We really value your contributions to your child’s learning journey, please keep adding to them!

New parents will be given access to their child’s online learning journey shortly after starting at preschool.

**ABSENCES FROM PRESCHOOL**

Can we please remind you to let us know if your child is going to be absent from preschool. You can call us on 01635 873814 from 8.30am onwards.

**RUSHALL FARM TRIP – THURSDAY 14th MARCH**

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**EASTER BONNET PARADE AND STALLS**

Friday 29th March

Further details to follow

**GRANDPARENT’S**

**& MUM’S WEEK**

Grandparent’s week will be from the 4th to the 8th February and mum’s week will be the 18th to the 22nd March when grandparents and mums can come in and play. We will send the details in a letter and put a rota on the notice board for you to fill in.

**STORY SACKS**

We will continue to send our Story Sacks with the children on a rota basis this term. The sacks contain a story book together with props and/or games relating to the story. Please keep the sack for a week and explore it together before returning it to preschool for someone else to take home. **Please check the contents with the card inside to ensure all the pieces are there before returning the sack.**

**PIED PIPER UNIFORM**

If you would like your child to wear uniform, we have some items of clothing for sale with the Pied Piper Preschool logo:

Blue sweatshirts £8.00

Blue T-shirts £5.00

As usual, if you have any questions about anything on this newsletter, please see a member of staff

Eva Hughes, Sara Waters, Ann Lynch, Fiona Chareun, Sandra Howes and Alison Farrow

Half term is 18th-22nd February and the last day of term is 5th April