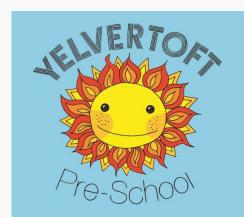
**MARCH 2021** 



## NEWSLETTER

### A word from our Chair:

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest addition of the preschool newsletter!

Dare I say it, things are looking bright...spring is round the corner and fingers-crossed the lockdown restrictions will be drastically reduced before the end of this school year. It has been a challenging year for everyone, people being affected in different ways across the board. But I wanted to take this opportunity to give a special thank you the team at preschool who have managed to keep the school open (when allowed) and worked tirelessly in difficult times, never giving less than 100%.

Early years education is a largely forgotten industry by the government and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Tracy, Jade, Catherine, Pauline and Jane who have grafted throughout. Always with the children's safety at the forefront of their minds and not the mention the relentless cleaning being added to their ever increasing to-do list. These thanks come from me, the committee and I hope I can also speak on behalf of all the parents and children of the preschool.

We have been unable to put as many events on for the children this year but I am so pleased and excited with the new resources and development of the preschool. We are continually being guided by the Curiosity Approach and have secured some all-important funding from The Comic Relief Fund and others.

Our preschool environment promotes curiosity, imagination and creativity...and I am sure you agree the children are thriving with this style of learning. Our aim for the next term is to develop and enhance the garden... any plants, seeds, pots or green fingered helpers would be greatly appreciated!

What my hopes are, given all of the above, is that at some point before the end of term we are all able to meet, have some coffee and cake and maybe even do some gardening! And for you to have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the preschool environment for an hour or so and maybe finally put a face to my name!

Sophie

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#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Due to the ongoing coronavirus situation, we continue to strictly follow government guidelines.

If your child has a high temperature, a continuous cough, or a loss of taste and smell please keep your child at home.

Government guidelines ask for children to self isolate for 10 days, testing is available via the NHS website.

Thanks for your understanding. Our priority is to keep our children and staff safe.



#### **GARDENING TIME!**

We hope to spend lots of time in the garden as we move into spring and summer. We have lots of new exciting resources for the children to explore.

We hope to do lots of planting. If you have any plants to donate we would be very grateful.



#### SIGN AND RETURN THE SLIP

Everybody here at the preschool has been enjoying taking part in lots of activities over the year so far.

At the moment we're working on the preschool reports for children who have continued to attend since January. These will be distributed before the end of term.

And we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the attached slip needs to be signed and returned.



#### **ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS**

Just a reminder that we are keen to use our lovely outdoor space as much as possible.

That being said, could we please ask that children continue to bring wet weather gear as the ground is still very muddy.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Monday 22nd February
Term starts

Friday 26th March
Term ends

Monday 12th April
Term starts

Friday 28th May Term ends

Monday 7th June Training day\*

**Tuesday 8th June** Term starts

Tuesday 20th July
Term ends

\*Please note training days may be subject to change

#### Watch this space



We really hope to have some fun fundraising events and a sports day later in the year!

# USEFUL INFORMATION

#### **OPENING TIMES**

Monday: 9am-3pm Tuesday: 9am-3pm Wednesday: 9am-3pm Thursday: 9am-3pm Friday: 9am-3pm

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