

Kibworth Methodist Pre-School

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Newsletter Spring 2019

We would firstly like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and fun 2019 ! Thank you too for all of our Christmas presents, we are still enjoying them !!

- Thank you to those of you who attended last terms parents evenings/days on the 27th and 28th November. It is not compulsory to attend any of our parent's evenings/days – if we have any concerns we would arrange to see you as soon as possible. If you were unable to attend and would like to arrange a time to see us regarding your child then please speak to your child's Key Person in the first instance.
- The festive coffee morning fundraiser on Saturday December 8th 2018 raised a magnificent £ 520 pounds ! thank you to those of you who attended/donated prizes/baked cakes. All monies were given to the Methodist Church renovation fund – Andy Murphy the church Minister and all of the church members were overwhelmed with the amount raised and send their thanks. During the Christmas holidays the school room, kitchen, lobby and large toilet have now been re-decorated.
- Kibworth Methodist Pre-school is working towards the LEICESTERSHIRE HEALTHY TOTS PROGRAMME and we will be looking at the following three areas to achieve a healthy tots status :-

Physical activity

Healthy eating

Emotional health and well being

As parents of the children that attend the pre-school your support is valuable and it would be really helpful if you could complete a short survey. This can be found at :

<https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=150780139375>

This will give you the opportunity to share your experiences and to offer any suggestions.

From the start of the Spring term 2019 we have already stopped giving a sweet biscuit as a choice at snack time and instead your child will get a choice of fruit and vegetables plus a small lump of cheese and a piece of crumpet or toast or a breadstick for example.

- WOW ! cards for 'home' will shortly be sent home with your child – please use these to celebrate your child's achievements – for example showing kindness to another person, helping without being asked, being able to dress themselves without support. Please then bring them into pre-school so that we can read them out at 'Show and Share' and then add them to your child's Learning Journey.

ACTIVITIES THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED SINCE LAST AUTUMN

- Katylou sing and sign sessions ! The children have really enjoyed these. Vicky comes every Wednesday for half an hour - this is the only regular slot available to us – we plan to vary the days Vicky comes as and when possible.
- ‘Sticky Kids’– a music and movement CD, the children absolutely love it !!
- Learning what items can be recycled after eating our packed lunch plus a thank you to you the parents for using foil rather than plastic bags or cling film to wrap sandwiches. We have purchased more recycling stickers to attach to smaller bins so that it makes it easier for the children to recycle during lunch times.
- Supervised teeth cleaning – we now have bamboo tooth brushes with rainbow bristles.
- Learning how to sew using wool and Binka fabric has been very popular (especially for the older children)
- Visits from Andy Murphy the Methodist Church Minister – the children enjoy his stories as he always uses props when telling them !!

Up and coming events / activities

- Kids Club Video production company are here on 25th February –
Your child will have the opportunity to take part in their very own sea creature DVD

NO BLUE T-SHIRTS THOUGH !

- Little Urchins photographers – Friday 8th March
- The ‘Happy Chick’ company will arrive on the 1st April providing us with approximately 10 hatching eggs ! The children will be able to see the eggs hatch and then help to care for them for 2 weeks before the chicks are collected.

FUNDING

INFORMATION – gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs

Childcarechoices.gov.uk

For ELIGIBILITY criteria for childcare funding (30 hour / 2 year funding) visit

Leicestershire.gov.uk/when-your-child-is-eligible

- TAX FREE CHILDCARE – visit, gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/tax-free-childcare

Dates for your diary

- Toddler Group dates for the Spring term 2019 :-

Friday January 18th , Friday February 1st and 15th, Friday March 1st and 15th

Friday April 5th. We are open for Toddler Group 1 – 3pm.

- Half term – Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February.

Easter break – Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April

Pre-school opens for the Summer term Monday 29th April.

All term dates can be found on the pre-school website :-

kibworth.co.uk.

Some reminders :-

- Please could you make sure all clothing and water bottles are named plus only WATER should be in the child's water bottles.
- We have some children at the setting who have an allergy to 'nuts' – please could you make sure your child's lunch box **does not** contain any nut products – this includes pesto (contains pine nuts) and coconut. Thank you.
- On arrival please make sure that any children not attending pre-school are supervised – it is important that the member of staff on the door is only responsible for children attending pre-school that day, thank you.
- **For those of you whose children will still be with us in September 2019, please could you email the days you would like your child to attend – ASAP ! thank you.**

For parents and carers who collect their child at 1pm/3pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, please could you collect from the side door (the door you come through in the morning)

Please could I remind you all to collect your children on time, thank you.

As ever, if there is anything you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to speak to Jayne or any other member of staff.

Thank you,

Jayne and all the staff at Kibworth Methodist Pre-school.

