

Newsletter Term 3 – February 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES:

14 th February	Last day of term 3	W/C 9 th March	Sport Relief week
24 th February	First day of term 4	25 th March	Visit to Dauntsey House
25 th February	Pancake Day	1 st April	Annual sponsored Trike Ride
W/C 2 nd March	World book week	3 rd April	Last day of Term 4

NOTICES:

TERM TOPIC: Next term (Term 4 – Feb 24th to April 3rd) our investigations will be centred around ‘Transport’ so if anyone has any interesting modes of transport that they would like to share with the children such as motorbikes, campervans, bikes, tandems, tractors, kayaks etc. please let us know and we can arrange for you to bring it to us and show us.

WORLD BOOK WEEK: We would like to invite all the children to bring in their favourite book in the week commencing 2nd March and they are welcome to come dressed up as their favourite character if they like, but this is purely optional.

SPORT RELIEF WEEK: All the children are invited to come to pre-school in the week commencing 9th March in their sportswear for a donation of £1. All donations collected during the week will be sent on to Sport Relief. Again this is completely optional.

ANNUAL SPONSORED TRIKE RIDE: This traditional event will take place on 1st April, sponsorship forms will be in your children’s trays after the Half Term Break. This is a great opportunity for the children to gather sponsorship money from friends and relatives and generate much needed funds for the Pre-school. Lavington Pre-school is a registered charity, we are not a profit-making organisation, all monies raised will go towards enhancing the experiences of our children and their families. More details to follow...

VISIT TO DAUNTSEY HOUSE CARE HOME: Our rescheduled date for our visit to Dauntsey House Care Home is Wednesday 25th March. Please let us know if you are planning to come on this visit by adding your name to the list on the office door. We will meet in The Churchill Car Park at 3.45pm and walk down together. All siblings are invited to join us!

TOILET TRAINING CLOTHES: Just a quick reminder that if your child is showing interest in using a potty or the toilet, please can we ask that they attend pre-school in clothes which enable them to undress to use the toilet easily i.e. no fiddly belts, dungarees etc. these can prove very difficult if time is of the essence!

NAPPIES vs PULL-UPS: If your child is in nappies, we would like to make you aware that it is much quicker for us to change traditional nappies as opposed to pull-ups, due to the necessity to fully remove all clothes below the waist (tights, trousers etc) to change a pull-up. Obviously this is completely up to you, as their parents, and if you prefer to send them in pull-up nappies that is absolutely fine, especially if they are starting to show an interest in toilet training, but it may be something that has not occurred to you.

NOTICES – Continued

NOTIFYING PRE-SCHOOL OF ABSENCES: If your child is unwell and unable to attend Pre-school, please let us know as soon as you can, ideally at the start of the session, that they will be absent that day.

OPEN DOOR POLICY: We would like to remind you all that information is always available at www.lavingtonpreschool.co.uk and we have an open door policy which means we will do all we can to be available to you if you have any concerns or questions, please just ask.

UP-TO-DATE DETAILS: Please ensure that you keep us informed of ANY changes in your contact details, home address and your child's medical/allergy information. It is vital that we are **always** able to contact a parent or carer when your child is in session.

30 HOURS APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS: If your child receives 30 funded hours please ensure that you renew your 30 hours code every 3 months to keep it valid. If you are claiming the extended 30 hours funding for the first time please remember to apply for eligibility and **get a valid code before the end of the term in which they turn 3 years old.**

WHAT TO EXPECT, WHEN?: A guide to your child's learning and development in the early years is available for you all to read in reception.

FUNDRAISING: As a charity, it is important that we raise funds for the benefit of the children in our care. We have quite a small committee but if you would be interested in helping with fundraising events please let us know, we are looking to create a fundraising team of parents and helpers. This is an opportunity to help and get to know other parents too! **Please let a member of staff know if you are interested in getting involved.**

PARKING: A quick notice that parking will be limited at the village hall on the 5th March 2020.

MUDDY CLOTHES AND WELLIES: We love spending time outside and at this time of year this can mean that the children get a little bit wet and muddy. Please can we ask that all children come to school with a named pair of wellies, a warm and waterproof coat and that the children come to pre-school in clothes that you don't mind getting muddy and with a change of clothes if possible, too. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE: All staff have completed an in-house safeguarding refresher training session and Miss Esme is now a qualified first aider, all staff are now qualified first aiders.