



## **Newsletter Term 1 September 2023**

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We have welcomed 2 new members of staff, Miss Natalie and Miss Jemma this term and 5 new children and their families, everyone has settled in really well. Our topic this term is "Getting to Know You", we are looking at our families, what makes us unique, where we live and what things we like/do not like. The children have made their homes using junk modelling and we have been creating artwork to show what we look like. We will be looking at the children's interests and speaking with them so we can choose their next topic.

On their return this term, the children discovered our two new goldfish who have come to live with us at preschool. We are all having a good think as to what their names should be!

We have been very lucky to have been nominated by one of our families to receive a birdbox and some flowering bulbs which have been provided by Paul Ashman who is the new Community Engagement Manager employed by idverde UK working in partnership with Wiltshire Council. We will be keeping an eye on our birdbox to see if we have been visited by any birds and we are looking forward to planting our bulbs and watching the flowers appear in the Spring.

At the end of October we will be visiting Dauntsey House Care Home in West Lavington, the children love visiting the residents. We will be making some gifts to take with us for the children to hand out and we will sing some of our favourite songs too.

The week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October we will be collecting for Devizes Food Bank, as with previous years we hope to have a substantial collection.

If your family have any festivals/celebrations we would love to hear about them and we would welcome parents or family members to come in and share these with us.

If you would like to come in and read to the children at the end of the morning or at the end of the afternoon, or if you would like to come in and share an interest with the children please speak to Miss Julie and we can arrange a day that suits. The children get so much from family members coming into the setting spending time with them.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES:</b>	
<b>September</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 1 Fees were due for payment
<b>October</b>	
W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Collection for Devizes Food Bank
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>DAPS TD Day – Pre-school Open – No school dinners</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term starts
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins
<b><u>NOTICES:</u></b>	
<p><b><u>CLOTHING:</u></b> Please can we ask that your children’s clothing/shoes/wellies are labelled. If your child accidentally takes home clothing which belongs to another child, please can you return this to preschool when you are next in.</p> <p><b><u>SNACK:</u></b> To help us to easily identify which snack belongs to which child, PLEASE can the children have clearly named drinks bottles and clearly named snacks. At Lavington Preschool we promote healthy snacks and lunches, suggestions for snack are: fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, raisins, crackers and cheese or dried fruit (Grapes must be cut in half longways). Water is always the preferred option for their drink as this does not harm the children’s teeth. <b>PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SETTING!!</b></p>	
<p><b><u>OPEN DOOR POLICY:</u></b> If you have any questions or concerns please either call us on 01380 812551 or send an email to <a href="mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com">lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com">managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com</a>. If you wish to speak to your child’s key person, we can arrange a suitable time for you to meet with them.</p> <p><b><u>30 HOURS APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS:</u></b> If your child receives 30 hours funding please ensure that you renew your 30 hours code every 3 months to keep it valid. If you need any help with your 30 hours application or <b>any questions about funding please email Deb</b> – <a href="mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com">lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b><u>SAFEGUARDING NEWS:</u></b> Miss Julie is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Miss Mandy is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Andy Colley, our chairperson is also our Committee Designated Safeguarding Lead – <a href="mailto:chairpersonlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com">chairpersonlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to either Miss Julie, Miss Mandy or Andy Colley.</b></p>	