



Newsletter Term 2 October 2023

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We have sadly said “Good-Bye” to Miss Jemma at the end of last term, her family circumstances changed which meant she was unable to continue providing one-to-one care for one of our children, we are currently in the process of recruiting a new member of staff to cover Miss Jemma’s hours. We would like to welcome Miss Lucy, who is a parent from Elm Class who has joined our team as a volunteer and will be working towards obtaining her Level 2 qualification in child-care.

Today and tomorrow we will be looking at Halloween. We will be holding our Halloween party tomorrow afternoon at 14:15 hrs, all our children are invited to come along and if they wish to they can come in their Halloween costumes. We will be having a few games followed by a story with a drink and biscuit/cake, finishing at normal time.

From Wednesday we will be talking about how we can be Eco-Friendly, we will be recycling, composting, and litter picking with the children.

Reverend Marion will be popping in to talk to the children on the morning of the 9th November about “Remembrance”.

We were unable to visit Dauntsey’s Care Home in West Lavington at the end of last term so we have re-scheduled this visit to Thursday 9th November. 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. We will be leaving pre-school at approx. 13:30 hrs and plan to be back at preschool for 15:00 hrs. If any parents would like to walk with us we would love to have your company.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES:	
October	
Monday 30 th	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 31 st	Halloween Party 14:15 – 15:00 hrs
November	
Friday 3 rd	Fees Due
Thursday 9 th	Reverend Marion to Visit in the morning Visit Dauntsey's Care Home in the afternoon
W/C 13 th	Children In Need Week – Children can dress up or come to preschool in their pyjamas.
Thursday 30 th	Pre-school Annual General Meeting 8pm
December	
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of term
<u>NOTICES:</u>	
<p><u>CLOTHING:</u> 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><u>SNACK:</u> 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. PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SETTING!!</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU DO NOT SEND A SNACK IN WITH YOUR CHILD, PRE-SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A SNACK AND A FEE OF £1.00 PER DAY WILL BE INVOICED TO YOU.</p>	
<p><u>OPEN DOOR POLICY:</u> If you have any questions or concerns please either call us on 01380 812551 or send an email to lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com or managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com. 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><u>30 HOURS APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS:</u> 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 any questions about funding please email Deb – lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com</p>	

SAFEGUARDING NEWS: 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 – chairpersonlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to either Miss Julie, Miss Mandy or Andy Colley.