



### **Newsletter Term 4 February 2024**

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Wow we had a busy Term 3. The children began the term with much excitement, sharing their Christmas news. This term the children have been working on their number recognition and counting.

We have been looking at “Winter” - the children have been thinking about what clothes you would wear if the weather is cold and wet; the children have been busy exploring our outside area, searching for ice, we have had ice tuff trays where the children have used their large motor skills to break-up the ice using hammers to discover what was hidden in the ice. We made bird feeders which the children hung on the trees in our front garden, and we took part in the Big British Bird Watch 2024.

We have also been looking at “Health and Wellbeing” - the children made a healthy Teddy Bear’s picnic, bringing in lots of lovely fresh fruit and vegetables to eat; we have been discussing what are healthy foods and making obstacle courses in the back garden. The children found some giant, dirty, teeth and practiced their teeth brushing skills. Dental care is very important, and our children brush their teeth daily at Lavington Preschool.

The children walked around the village, choosing which houses to deliver a “pocket of hugs” too as our “acts of kindness”. They also chose where we would hang some around the village to be found. We will be delivering more of these this term and once again hiding some around the village to be found.

During our last week the children made heart shaped cakes which they decorated and we had pancakes on the last day with the children choosing their favourite toppings.

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:**

##### **February**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

First day of Term 4

**TD Day at DAPS – No school dinners available**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Term 4 fees due

<b>March</b> w/c 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Week – Children can dress-up as their favourite book characters and bring in their favourite books from home to share at story-time with their friends.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief week – Children can wear red. Red Nose Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Children to visit Dauntsey House Care Home
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 4
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday

<b>April</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 5
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**CLOTHING:** Please can we ask that your children’s clothing/shoes/wellies are labelled. If your child accidently takes home clothing which belongs to another child, please can you return this to preschool when you are next in. If your child wears their wellies to school, please can they have shoes to change into.

**SNACK:** 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!!**

**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.**

**OPEN DOOR POLICY:** If you have any questions or concerns please either call us on 01380 812551 or send an email to [lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com) or [managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**30 HOURS APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS:** 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](mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:chairpersonlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com)

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