



Newsletter Term 1 September 2024

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A big welcome back after to everyone after the summer holidays. We would also like to welcome Noah, Mickey, Charlie and their families who have all joined us this term, we look forward to getting to know you all.

At the end of Term 6 we held our Leaver's Celebration Day. The families of those children moving onto school joined us for our picnic lunch followed by the children's graduation. The children sang their graduation song and then put on their graduation hats and cloaks to receive their certificate and leaving presents. We had such a wonderful day and we would like to wish all our children who have moved onto school the very best as they begin the next step of their learning journey.

This term we will be focussing on getting to know each other, learning all about the children's summer holiday, families, likes and dislikes. If the children would like to bring in any photos of what they got up to in the holidays we would love to see them, and this will give the children the opportunity to share their holiday experiences.

During the summer holidays we had our back garden re-surfaced and had a timber shelter installed over the sandpit and along one edge of the garden, giving the children a dry play area all year round. We also had a mud kitchen, a small sensory pathway and covered seating area installed.

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:	
September	
Tuesday 3 rd	First day of Term 1
Friday 6 th	Fees Due for Term 1
October	
Tuesday 22 nd	Last day of Term 1
November	
Monday 4 th	First day of Term 2
NOTICES:	
<p>CLOTHING: Please can we ask that all the children's clothes, shoes, wellington boots, all-in-one waterproofs, lunch boxes, drinking bottles and bags are clearly 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. If your child wears their wellies to school, please can they have shoes to change into.</p>	
<p>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!!</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>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 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>Working Parents Entitlement 15 & 30 hour Codes: If you receive working parents childcare funding please ensure that you renew your code every 3 months to keep it valid. If you need any help with your application or any questions about funding please email Deb – lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com</p>	
<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.</p>	