



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy term and the children have been engaged with their play both inside and out. We have been searching for mini beasts in the garden this week and looking for the signs of spring. We also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Chappell's Son who brought 2 lambs with him on Tuesday. We hope that you have enjoyed the pictures on tapestry and with the children upon our return. We hope that you all have a fantastic half term and look forward to seeing you all back from Wednesday 20th April.



Virtual EGM – Thursday 28th April 8pm

As we let you know previously, we were unable to fill our committee vacancies at the AGM and will therefore be holding an EGM at the end of April. Langtoft preschool is a registered charity and to be able to run we must legally have a volunteer committee with a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, plus at least one other member. I have attached a document that outlines the commitment to joining the committee as a trustee. We would also love people to join the committee in a fundraising role as this is something we very much need as we haven't been able to do much over the past two years due to covid. If we cannot fill the roles at this meeting the preschool may be forced to close by the charities commission as it is a legal requirement for us to be able to run. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact either myself or David Ferdinand (Chair of the committee- dmferdinand@talktalk.net).

Absence from Pre-School

If your child will not be attending their normal session whether due to illness or another reason, please can you call, text or email the preschool in the morning to let us know. You can text on 07926 355187, email langtoftpreschool@btinternet.com or call on 01778 348189. If your child is unwell and needs paracetamol before pre school, we advise in the current climate and the rise in covid cases in the area that they stay at home.

Covid-19 Advice

From 1 April, updated guidance will advise people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, to try stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

More information can be found here https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid?dm_i=6L45,HX1X,1G0ZUQ,26SJB,1

If any guidance changes we will keep you updated.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Warmer Weather Clothing Reminder

*Once the nice weather arrives (hopefully not long now) please can a sunhat be put into the children's bags, alternatively can they have a names hat that stays at the setting and we can keep this on their peg. If possible can the girls please wear leggings, trousers or shorts to the setting instead of a skirt and dress as this enables safe and independent play especially outside. Please can the children's **named** wellington boots be left in front of the sliding doors in the morning, this makes it easier to collect them when it is time to go outside. Can children also be sent in clothes that they are able to participate in messy play without the necessity and restriction of aprons thus helping to make their own choices. Can children also wear Velcro fastening plimsols/soft shoes with a good grip to aid their play inside and out.*

Suncream

Please can you apply sun protection to your children before they arrive at preschool. For those children who are staying for the afternoon and permission has been granted, we will apply this again after lunch. We have purchased Soltan SPF 50+ sensitive. If you have applied a long lasting suncream please let us know. Soltan and other manufacturers have produced creams that last up to 8 hours.

Arriving at Preschool after Easter

We will still be making hand sanitiser available to all the children in the morning, but we will start bringing in their bags and coats for them to put on their pegs. Please ensure that there are no carrier bags brought into the setting and there should be no medication or food left in their bags. All children have access to the peg area so we have to bear in this mind. The children will still say goodbye at the door as we feel this has aided their independence and they are able to emotionally settle more quickly.

Can you help us?

Please if you have any of the following items you could possibly donate we would be very grateful.

*Children's garden tools
Crates
Paint rollers
Old wooden photo frames
Craft Materials*

*Big stones for painting on
Paintbrushes
Old scrubbing brushes
Stickers for crafts*

Term Dates

Term 5	
Pre School opens:	Wednesday 20 th April 2022
Bank Holiday:	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Term ends:	Friday 27 th May 2022
Term 6	
Pre School opens:	Monday 6 th June 2022
Term ends:	Friday 22 nd July 2022



***Kind Regards
Nicola Ferdinand***

Pre-School Contact Numbers

**01778 348189 or
07926 355187.**