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Cowcliffe Pre-school Newsletter

September 2015



Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a good summer break and are ready for the new term at pre-school. There has been some changes at Pre-school over the summer and I am very excited to start as the new manager of Cowcliffe Pre-school from 1st September. We also have a new Deputy manager and two new pre-school assistants.

I will be based in the office during the day but will still be working with the children on a daily basis delivering planned focused activities and offering individual support for children eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and ensuring the quality of our pre-school provision remains high.

We have reviewed the layout of the pre-school room and have made some changes which will be more accommodating for the younger children who will be starting in September. We will still offer a stimulating learning environment for our older children to prepare them for their next steps in their learning.

This is a very exciting time for Cowcliffe Pre-school and I hope you will join me in welcoming the new staff, children and parents to our Pre-school. If you would like to speak to me about anything please come and see me, My door is always open!

Miriam Lowbridge
Manager

Fee Rates

There has been no increase to our fee rates for 2015/16. they will remain at:-

2 Year Olds £ 10.50 per session
3 & 4 Year Olds £9.75 per session



Registered Charity No: 1027148

Ofsted No: EY333633

Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

Meet the new staff team!



Miram Lowbridge
Manager

Miriam has worked as deputy manager for nearly 10 years and knows the pre-school very well. Having gained her Early Years Teacher Status last year and graduating in July this year with a First Class Honours Degree she is highly qualified and experienced to lead the preschool on its journey to outstanding!



Charlotte Turner
Deputy Manager

Charlotte has recently gained her Early Years Teacher Status after completing a degree in Early Years. Charlotte will be leading teaching and learning and will ensure the children access a stimulating learning environment and are ready for their next steps in their learning.



Christine Dear
Pre-school Assistant

Christine is a very experienced level 3 practitioner and will be an asset to our team. She has taken the lead as quality and Diversity officer and led a holiday play scheme. She has recently worked in a sure Start Centre.



Charlotte Stubbs
Pre-school Assistant

Many of you will already know Charlotte who has worked for us previously. We welcome her back to the team. Charlotte is level 3 qualified and has a particular interest in behaviour management.



Usha Lakhota and Pamela Grimshaw
Pre-school Assistants

Usha and Pamela are both level 3 qualified and have worked with us for a number of years. They are both very experienced and will be working with me to ensure a smooth transition for the children and staff.

Usha will be invaluable as our multi-lingual support and Pamela will be working as our SENCO

(Special needs coordinator).





Congratulations!

To Miriam for achieving a First Class honours degree in Early Years. Miriam graduated in July.

A very proud moment! Always looking to improve her academic skills, Miriam has also taken her GCSE English exam this year and passed with flying colours, gaining a grade A!

Tapestry

I am very excited to announce we will be using an online system for record keeping from September. Tapestry is a secure online learning journal for recording observations and assessments on children. Parents will be able to access their own child's records and add to them at any time. This will save staff a huge amount of time, cutting back on paper work and allowing them to spend more time engaged with the children. You will be receiving a letter about this shortly.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 2nd Sept—reopen



Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

I will shortly be asking you to fill out a form to check your eligibility for the new EYPP. This is a small amount of extra money we can claim for eligible children on low incomes.

Committee Matters

Parents in Action, We need YOU!

We are a charitable pre-school run by a voluntary committee of parents and people from the local community. We are always looking for new members and the annual general meeting (AGM) will be held at the end of September. Please support our pre-school and come along and join our committee. Members are offered training and the role can be a rewarding experience. For example, the committee have recently recruited new staff members, being involved in the whole interview process.

If you would like more information please speak to Miriam.



And last...but not least.

Tina has been with Cowcliffe Pre-school for the last 15 years and whilst we wish her well in her new adventure at Huddersfield University we are sad to say goodbye.. Tina officially finishes at Pre-school on 25th September but will be taking some well deserved leave over the next couple of weeks as she has worked tirelessly

throughout the summer to ensure a smooth handover.

We will be arranging a leaving celebration for her very soon and will be having a collection for a leaving present. If you would like to contribute to a gift please see a member of staff. Thank you

