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Cowcliffe Pre-school Newsletter November 2016



What's New...

New Starters: We have had a very busy term with new children. Everyone has settled in quickly and have been busy learning and developing.

Students: We have had one student from Huddersfield University with us this term. Layla started in November and will continue until March next year.

Staff News: Charlotte Stubbs is still on maternity and Charlotte Turner is currently on long term sick. She will hopefully be back with us in January 2017. Pamela is also off for the next 4 weeks. Sarah Thornton is covering Charlotte Turner and will be with us for the rest of the year.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Jordanne, who has successfully achieved her Level 3 qualification in Advanced Apprenticeship in Children and Young People Work Force.

Preschool News: We have had planning approval from Kirklees Council to increase the maximum number of children that can attend each session to 30 (only 4 more than now). This means the children on the waiting list will be able to start in January.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Last 1/2 term we had a sports coach come and work with the children.

Mr Smith helped develop the children's Physical Development and their Listening and Attention skills. The children took part in various activities and learnt new skills.

Have a look on tapestry for photos and observations.

We welcome your feedback

We aim to be a preschool that constantly reflects on practice.

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas please speak to a member of staff.

Alternatively please add your comments in the comment box in the entrance hall. **Thank you.**

Eggs for Sale

We are now selling our eggs.
£1.00 per 1/2 dozen.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th Dec Parents Evening

Friday 16th Dec

⇒ Children's Christmas party

⇒ Staff/Parent/Committee night out

⇒ last day of term

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Reopen for the Spring Term



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. Our AGM meeting was held on 10th October 2016.

The new Committee members are:

Fiona Clarke (Chair), Ashy Rafiq (Treasurer), Miriam Caldecott (Secretary), Debbie Nyeste, Saira Shazadah, Charlotte Turner, Asiah Zulfiqar, Labryna Simon and Noreen Shahzadah. We welcome old and new members!

Registered Charity No: 1027148

Ofsted No: EY333633

Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

Training

Staff are continually updating their professional development through courses and networks.

Recent training has included:

Managers Network: Miriam

SENCO Network: Pamela

Fee Rates

Our fee rates for 2015/16 are:

2 Year Olds £ 4.00 per hour

3 & 4 Year Olds £3.70 per hour

Fees are payable half termly in advance.

New Opening hours

We now offer ;

Breakfast club 8.30am—9.00am

Lunch Club 12.00—12.30pm

After school club 3.30pm—4pm

Full day 8.30am—4.00pm

Please speak to Miriam if you would like to add any of these sessions on to your existing times.

Learning Through Play

Objective Led Planning is a method of teaching that enhances/supports children play.

"When you go and play alongside children you get high levels of engagement"

This type of planning is based on delivering the objective to the children in play and not pulling the children out of play to come to an activity, you may have noticed there are less 'adult led' activities and less 'pictures' to take home. However, please be assured there is still lots of learning going on.

"Children learn best through play"

We offer many activities that do not have a 'final result' that the children take home, but allow children to develop through the

Characteristics of Effective Learning.

Playing & Exploring; Active Learning; and Critical Thinking help children to become confident learners, exploring the world around them, willing to 'have a go' and to think critically about 'how' and 'why' things work. These help children develop the skills they need when they move on to school.

We try to capture as much learning as we can on tapestry, but we also prefer to interact with the children as much as possible so lots of learning is not recorded.

Don't forget to use Tapestry to upload pictures of what your child can do at home. These can be added to support your child's development records.

Outdoor Play

Playing outdoors is vital to children's learning and development and our outdoor provision is a large part of the constant provision available at Cowcliffe Pre-School. We are lucky to have the space, equipment and materials available for the children to explore.

We play out in all weathers at all times of the year. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. Waterproof clothing and wellies are available at preschool for those that need it.



Many parents believe if their child plays out in the cold they will become ill.

This is a Myth! **The only thing that can cause a cold or flu is a cold or flu virus. Getting cold or wet won't give you a cold** (nhs website).

Unfortunately when children start preschool and mix with lots of other children they are exposed to different germs. In time they will build up their own immunity and become more resilient to coughs and colds.



TAPESTRY

ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Please note the new URL for Tapestry

www.tapestryjournal.com

Have you accessed your Tapestry account? An app is available for smart phones which makes it easy to access and add observations.

Parental involvement is very important to us and your input on your child's development is essential.

Leaflets are available with instructions on how to use the app in the entrance.

Don't forget to upload a photo of your child doing something they enjoy!

If you need any help please come and see Miriam!

School Admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you need to apply for a school place now.

The closing date for admissions is **Sunday 15th January 2017**

You will need to complete the online form on the Kirklees website.

If you would like any help with this process please come and see Miriam.

Look out for the open day dates displayed in the entrance hall.

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