



### **Newsletter Term 3 January 2025**

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We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during 2024. We raised an amazing £54.00 with our lucky numbers with Nicole's family winning our first prize - the Hamper, Rex's family won our second prize – a bottle of bubbly and some chocolates and Albie's family won our third prize – a bottle of wine. Those of you who purchased our paperweights, thank you, these raised £128.00. All money raised goes towards purchasing new resources and play equipment for the children.

We ended Term 2 with the children's Christmas party. They played party games, and we were visited by Father Christmas who gave all the children a present. Unfortunately, we were unable to visit Dauntsey House Care Home, we did however deliver the cards the children had made for every resident and a box of biscuits. Hopefully we will be able to visit them in the spring.

We will begin Term 3 investigating winter, the cold, which animals hibernate during the winter months, nocturnal animals and birds including the national birdwatch.

As the weather is now turning both wet and cold, please can we ask that the children have all-in-one waterproofs, hats, and gloves/mittens as we will be out in the garden, on the playing field and in forest school during the day. We also walk our compost pot over to the compost bin every day and do our re-cycling too.

If your family have any festivals/celebrations/traditions, 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:**

**January**

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 begins
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fees are due
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for submitting applications for Reception Class 2025

**February**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 3
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 4

**NOTICES:**

**CLOTHING:** Please can we ask that your children's clothing/shoes/wellies are 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.

**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.

**Both grapes and cherry tomatoes are a choking hazard, grapes must be cut in half longways, and cherry tomatoes need to be quartered**

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.

**WORKING PARENT FUNDING AND RENEWALS:** If your child receives working parent funding please ensure that you renew your code every 3 months to keep it valid. If you need any help with your working parent funding application or have any questions about funding please email Deb – [lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com)

**SAFEGUARDING:** 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.**