



Newsletter Term 4 February 2025

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We hope you all had a good February half-term, and you liked the cards and chocolates that the children bought home. We ended Term 3 with our Grandparent's afternoon tea, and we would like to thank the grandparents who managed to come along and made time to chat with all the children. The children made and wore valentine's crowns and we shared some sandwiches and cakes and the children sang a song too.

We have a busy Term 4 ahead of us. We will be investigating nature, having some eggs to hatch and then we will have some chicks in the setting, we will be planting seeds and watching them grow and we will be going on nature walks too.

Hopefully the weather will dry up soon and we may get some sunshine but as it stands, the weather is still unpredictable, so 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:****February**

Friday 28th Term 4 Fees are due

March

Thursday 6th March World Book Day – Story and Hot Chocolate at 15:00 – 15:30 hrs. Open to all children.

W/C 10th March Celebrating Red Nose Day – the children are invited to wear anything red all week, we ask for a donation of £1.00 to go towards Red Nose Day.

W/C 17th March Eco Green Week – the children can wear green and we will be looking at re-cycling, litter-picking and how we can look after our planet.

Thursday 27th We will be visiting Dauntsey House Care Home

April

Thursday 3rd Easter Bonnet Parade – our parents are invited to come and join the children for their Easter Bonnet Parade at 14:00 hrs

Friday 4th Last day Term 4

Tuesday 22nd First Day Term 5

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 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.

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

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

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to either Miss Julie, Miss Mandy or Andy Colley.