



Locking Preschool Newsletter

Welcome

We would like to say a huge Thank you to all our parents and carers for all your cooperation during this uncertain time. We understand this is a hard and challenging time for everyone. As the weather changes, we can understand that your little ones will be catching colds and coughs, your safety is our priority and therefore we will be following government guidelines on isolation and testing. If your child is unwell or showing any Covid 19 symptoms please keep them home and follow the government guidelines.

Please ensure you are wearing a mask for a drop-off/pick up.

Poetry Basket

The Poetry Basket is a North Somerset project which is teamed up with “MakeBelive Arts”. Learning poetry helps build children to develop an ear for language. Poetry helps develop the skill of prediction, where the rhyming structure of the poems allows children to guess what words may come next. Every month we will introduce a new poem to the children and continue to share them for you to learn them at home. This Months poem is - I Can Build A Snowman

“ I can build a snowman,
I can build it high.
I can build a snowman,
Up into the sky.

Independence

We encourage all children to be as independent as they can be, we ensure children build in the skills they need for school such as opening their own food packets, putting on their own coats and shoes, pouring their own drink at snack time and washing their hands independently. Please continue to encourage this at home too, it is very important for children to build in their skills which make them more independent and able. As adults it is very easy for us to do things for the children especially at an early year’s age however, all this teaches them is that I can do it, but you can’t. We understand not all children have the muscles or skills to be able to physically do these skills and will need support. We have many ways to support children’s independence. For example - Coat flipping technique - Lay the coat on the floor, children will put their arms in and lift it over their heads.

Christmas Sing-along Nativity

The children have been working really hard to learn the songs for our sing-along, please continue to practice these at home! Please ensure you dress your child in their costumes on the morning of the Nativity Sing-a-long. Monday 13th December.

Christmas Party

Our christmas party will held on Tuesday 14th December. IF your child is not usually in on this day please contact us if you wish to bring them in for the party.

Outstanding Invoices

Please ensure you have paid any outstanding invoices ASAP

Lunchclub -

Our lunch club fee will be rising to £2.75 a day due to rising costs.

What are we learning now?

Each week we have a focus topic, all of the team plans activities based on the children's interests and around the 7 areas of development, our topic weeks give your children opportunities to learn about the wider world.

Week 1 - Fireworks/ Diwali

Week 2 - World Science Week(10th Nov) / Remembrance day

Week 3 - Frozen week

Week 4 - Nature week

Week 5 - Natural resources / Loose parts

Week 6 - Christmas / Christmas jumper day 10th Dec / Letters to santa

Week 7 - Christmas

Term Dates

Term 1 / 2

START 6th September 2021

FINISH 22nd October 2021

TERM 2

INSET DAY 1st November 2021

START 2nd November 2021

FINISH 17th December 2021

Locking Preschool are committed to safeguard all children and build a “culture of safety” in our setting. If you have any concerns about a child please speak to our Designated safeguarding lead, Chloe Gill.