

# East Hanningfield Pre-School

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## Newsletter

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### Hello!

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. A big welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined us this term. Also, a massive thank you and hello to our new committee members.

We have a new little starter who has joined the pre – school, Spike. Spike is our pre-school hedgehog teddy who likes coming on adventures. He will go home with a different child each weekend. Please can you fill in our book and take pictures of your fun weekends together so we can discuss all the fun, exciting things Spike gets up to.



Sadly, Sue will be retiring in July after being an invaluable member of staff for over 22 years. We are looking to fill her admin role, approximately 8 hours per week, starting in June to enable a smooth handover. Please speak to Diane or Sue if this is something you are interested in.

### What we're up to this term...

Our current theme is 'Winter' and after half term activities will be themed around Spring, exploring baby animals, the changes that Spring brings and celebrating special events including Mother's Day and Easter. Every week we concentrate on a different number, letter and shape.

Jan	Feb	March	April
16th - P 7 Oval	6th - S 10 Heart	6th - V 3 Circle	17th - Z 7 Hexagon
23rd - Q 8 Hexagon	20th - T 1 Rectangle	13th - W 4 Square	
30th - R 9 Star	27th - U 2 Triangle	20th - X 5 Diamond	
		27th - Y 6 Oval	

A sticker is awarded to every child who brings in any item starting with the letter of the week or related to the topic or shape. Please place in the basket on arrival.

We are spending a lot of time outside if possible, so please ensure your child has a named coat with them and suitable footwear. Please be aware that boots are not allowed in the hall, only plimsolls or soft-soled shoes are permitted.

### Upcoming events...

Pancake Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

World book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – **Children come in dressed as their favourite book characters**

Red Nose Day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

## Dates for your diary...

Monday 13th -Friday 17th February – Half term

Friday 31st March - Last day of Spring term

Monday 17th April - First day of Summer term

## Facebook

Don't forget we now have a Facebook page for passing on information so if you would like to join this please request to join as it is a closed group. It is being updated by a member of staff and a committee member.

## **If you would like to support your child with their speech and language the following info might be useful:**

### **Speech and Language UK TALK Webinars**

Speech and Language UK (formally known as ICAN) are offering free Parent webinars on a range of topics. Parents can access these by clicking on the link and booking on a session.

<https://www.tlc-essex.info/tips-and-links/speech-and-language-uk-are-offering-4-separate->

### **Early Years SLC Parent workshop**

As part of a series of parent webinars that are being shared on the Essex Local Offer one is a session on Early Language and Communication. It is a 1 hour recorded webinar where parents can find out about key strategies to support their child's Language and Communication. We share our TLC Top Ten Talking Tips. You will be familiar with these as these are the strategies that we promote in our monthly SLC Awareness Training.

<https://www.tlc-essex.info/tips-and-links/recorded-webinar-supporting-your-childs/>

## Reminders...

Please let us know if your child cannot come in for their usual session due to illness, holiday or any other reason. We will ring you to check if we have an unexplained absence.

Please continue to send in photos about what your child does or has been doing at home.

We have been teaching the children about good hygiene when they sneeze and not coughing over others to help reduce the spread of illness.

## Other useful info...

### **Changing or adding hours**

If you wish to change your hours, please let us know as spaces are filling up quickly. Please email us the changes even if you speak to us, and ensure you get a confirmation email from us.

If your child attends a child-minder or another setting, please let us know.

### **Medication**

If your child requires any medication whilst at Preschool, please make sure you have filled out and signed the form "Parental Agreement for Setting to administer medicine".



## **Lunchboxes**

We are a nut-free pre-school so **no nuts** please in lunch boxes. This includes **pesto**. Please also check **cereal bars** to ensure nut-free. Please ensure your child has a drink in their lunchbox and no screw tops as these get knocked over. Please fill water bottles with water or diluted "no added sugar" squash. All chocolate and sweets are discouraged in lunchboxes.

If you put **grapes** in your child's lunchbox, please ensure they are **cut in half lengthwise** so they can more easily pass-through smaller throats.

Please ensure you check your child's lunchbox to see how much he/she has eaten for lunch. We cannot force your child to eat their lunch – we can only encourage. Uneaten food will be left in their lunchbox.

**We promote healthy eating! If you would like further information, please see our website.**

## **Clothing**

Please do not send your child into pre-school in their best clothes as your child may get messy with paint & glue. Sometimes it is necessary for your child to have a change of clothes during the day. We do keep spare clothes but if you do borrow our clothes, please can you ensure they are returned to us.



We have pre-school t-shirts for sale for £8 and sweatshirts for £11. These are embroidered with the pre-school logo. Please let us know if you would like one.

## **Exclusion procedure for illness and contagious diseases**

In order to ensure that germs are not spread to others please visit our website page and do not send your child in to pre-school until after the exclusion period. If you have any doubts about whether your child is well enough to come into pre-school, please ring us before bringing them in.

## **Pre-School Bag**

Please to bring your child's personalised bag to each session so staff can fill it up with artworks, notices etc. ready for you to take home again.

## **Staff contact**

If you would like to speak a member of staff, please either ring us or wait until all the children have entered pre-school. If your child comes into pre-school with a mark caused by an accident at home, please can you fill out a slip and sign it as we have to record all these.

## **Wow Moments**

We love sharing these special moments with your child and we then place the Wow sheet in their Learning Journey. Wow sheets are available in pre-school and they can also be downloaded via our website.

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## **Policies**

All of our policies are available to read on our website.

## **Learning Journey folders**

These are updated once every half-term with observations, a photo and artworks. You are welcome to come in and view your child's at any time.

## **Change in contact details**

If you change your mobile or home telephone number, please remember to let us know so that we can update our records. This is important in case we need to contact you during a session.