



1st Half of Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

Topic

For the 1st Half of Spring Term our topic is 'Space' and 'Aliens Love Underpants' Book. We will be learning about the planets in our solar system, going into space and Astronaut Training are just a few things that we will be covering.

Funding

Funding Forms need to be completed every time hours are increased or decreased. Every time a form is completed, a member of staff needs to **see a copy of the child's Birth Certificate or Passport so we can verify the child.** This is something that we are required to do for us to be able to receive funding for your child; funding forms are now required to be uploaded on Cornwall Council Funding System.

30 Hour Funding

Your child can start in their childcare place the **term after** they turn 3 years old and have received a valid 11-digit eligibility code the term before.

To keep your 30 hours free childcare place, you will need to check your details are up to date every 3 months.

Any issues then please see a member of staff if you have any questions.

Website: www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare

Amendments of Hours & Sessions.

For any parents who wish to reduce their child's hours, we require one month's notice, as this may affect our ratio of staff. Could you please put this in writing.

If you are planning a holiday during term time and your child is funded, they are able to take up to 2 weeks in the academic year.

If you are in need to swap/change a session then please can this be put into writing. We will then reply, as we have to take into consideration ratio between children and staff.

Sickness.

If your child is not attending Preschool due to sickness, can we please have notification on the first morning by 9:30am, and then please keep us updated every day whilst your child is off sick. Also, when you notify us can you please let us know why your child will not be attending Preschool.

Packed Lunch

If your child has any **grapes** in their packed lunches, please can you cut them into quarters (4 small pieces lengthways) as they are a choking risk if left whole or in half.

We also ask that your child's packed lunch does not contain any nut products, i.e., **peanut butter, Nutella, fruit bars etc.** The reason for this is that we want to be a nut-free environment and to keep us all safe.

Tapestry

Just a reminder that we love seeing a like or comment on your child's tapestry as this gives feedback, and helps with future planning.

Dates for Diary

13th – 17th February 2023 – Half Term

20th February 2023 – Inset Day

Trip

Unfortunately, due to weather conditions Zero Gravity was cancelled, we are now in the process of making new arrangements. We will update you when we have more news. We are looking at Monday 6th February 2023.

Fundraising

The preschool relies on fundraising each year as the Government Funding is not enough to cover the total running costs of the preschool.

Thank you to all that helped at our wonderful 'Santa Claus is coming to Landulph' event. We raised £1,000.00

We hope that you find this newsletter useful and we would like to iterate that our door is always open. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about anything big or small, we are here for you all.

Best wishes,
Claire, Nicola and Kelly