



2nd Half of Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you all well!

We are writing to you all to give you some information on what we have planned for this 2nd Half of Autumn Term 2022.

Topic

For the month of November our topic is 'Autumn Festivals', and for December our topic will be 'Christmas'.

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

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.

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, etc. The reason for this is that we want to be a nut-free environment and to keep us all safe.

Key Worker and Parent Chat

We will be contacting you to arrange a suitable date and time in the next couple of weeks for us to chat about your child's development and answer any questions that you may have. This will most probably be at the end of the day, so it does not disrupt our morning routine.

Dates for Diary

Friday 18th November 2022 – Children in Need. – Please wear something with spots if possible or something colourful. We will be donating to this charity so if you can spare a minimum of £1.00, thank you.

Wednesday 7th December 2022 – Christmas Lunch. – This will be provided by staff, so no packed lunch is required.

Thursday 8th December 2022 – Christmas Jumper Day.

Monday 12th December 2022 – Zero Gravity Trip.

Friday 16th December 2022 – Last day of Term.

Spring Term 2023 begins on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Wellies & Winter Clothing

As we are now coming into the winter months, please could you supply your child with appropriate clothing, i.e., suitable coat and footwear (wellies/boots), gloves and hats.

Trip

We have provisionally booked for Zero Gravity for Monday 12th December 2022. We will be joining the Parent & Toddler Session (9:30-11:30am) in the morning and returning to Preschool for Lunch for the children that attend on a Monday.

We will be sending out letters next week.

Fundraising

The preschool relies on fundraising each year as the Government Funding is not enough to cover the total running costs of the preschool. Our next fundraisers are:-

Saturday 12th November 2022 – We are providing refreshments for the Craft Fair which is being held at Landulph Memorial Hall (10:00am-3:00pm). Any contributions would be greatly received, i.e., cakes, buns and cookies.

Thursday 17th November 2022 – ‘Bags to School’.

Sunday 18th December 2022 – ‘Santa Claus is coming to Landulph’ – Details to follow.

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