



## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

The weeks have flown by and we are at the end of this half-term already! The children are well settled and have been very busy.

During the half-term break, we would like to ask if you could put together a 'Treasure Box' with your child/children for them to bring back with them when we return at the beginning of next half-term. The box should include any items they are interested in and would like to share with us to help us learn more about them. Please feel free to include toys, photographs, written notes, pictures they have drawn and anything else you feel is relevant.

You could use an old shoe box or any other box you have at home, decorated in any way your child chooses. Thank you in advance.

### Safeguarding

Please be aware that as part of our safeguarding responsibilities, with effect from the beginning of next half-term we will be using the correct, anatomical terminology for all body parts.

### Half-Term Activity

Please take a look at the separate article attached regarding an Autumn Hanging Mobile. This may be a lovely half-term activity for you to enjoy with your child and we would love to see what they make when we return to Pre-School.

### Keeping us up to date

In the interests of your child's wellbeing, please do remember to tell a member of staff on arrival if they are feeling very tired, have not slept well or have had a busy weekend or evening, as this can have a knock-on effect on their learning. You can also email us at [officetiddlywinks@gmail.com](mailto:officetiddlywinks@gmail.com) from 8.00am, or call us on 07483 175232 from 8.30am.

### Contacting us

Please be aware that generally, we can only check the office email address up until 8.45am each morning before a session starts, and then generally not until a session has ended at 3.00pm. We may only occasionally have the opportunity to check emails over the lunch period, so if you need to contact us urgently it is best to do so by calling the Pre-School mobile number.

Any information you wish to share by email specifically about your child should be sent to [officetiddlywinks@gmail.com](mailto:officetiddlywinks@gmail.com)

### Outside Accidents

If your child has an accident at home or on the way to Tiddlywinks, please let a member of staff know on arrival. You will be asked to complete and sign an Outside Accident Form so we have a record of any pre-existing injuries, grazes, scrapes or bruises.

If your child has an accident in the setting whilst in our care, a member of staff will speak to you in confidence and away from other parents when you come to collect your child. You will be asked to sign a form to confirm that you have been notified of the accident.

### 30-Hour Funding Eligibility Deadlines

Please remember that the three-monthly deadlines for applying for 30 hours of funded childcare are as follows:

<u>Funding Period</u>	<u>Application must be made by:</u>	<u>For payment from:</u>
Autumn Term (Sept-Dec)	31 <sup>st</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> September
Spring Term (Jan – Mar)	31 <sup>st</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> January
Summer Term (April – Aug)	31 <sup>st</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April

You can find a full step-by-step guide to the 30 hour extended entitlement at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

## Reminders

**PLEASE** remember to send your child in with a named waterproof coat/all-in-one waterproof, wellies and a hat/sun hat as the weather begins to change. We encourage the children to learn in our outside area in all weathers, so appropriate clothing is essential.

**PLEASE** remember to send in a full spare set of clothes (labelled) and a spare carrier bag in a named bag for your child to keep on their peg. Any wet/dirty/soiled clothes will be sent home in the carrier bag supplied.

**PLEASE** remember to bear in mind when buying new shoes for your child, that they need to be able to fasten them by themselves whilst at Tiddlywinks.

## Find us on Facebook

Please do follow our page on Facebook. We use it to advertise events, share important information and request help. Simply search Tiddlywinks Pre-School and you will find the page easily.

## Easy fundraising

Help Tiddlywinks raise valuable extra funds while you do your daily shopping, at no extra cost!

easyfundraising.org is the UK's biggest charity shopping site and is partnered with over 7,000 retailers and brands which donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause.

To date we have raised over £336.00 through easyfundraising.org and we thank all parents and carers who have supported us this way.

For those new to it, it couldn't be simpler. Simply visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> or load the App, select Tiddlywinks Pre-School, Stretham as your cause (from the Cause Directory) and carry on with your daily shopping. It's FREE to register and costs you nothing extra and Tiddlywinks receives a donation each time you shop.



## Diary Dates

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October                  Half-term starts

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> November (pm)      Photographer. Further details to follow

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December                End of term

