



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our last half-term of the year. This half-term we will be learning about colours, practising our counting and working with the children's interests.

Staff Absence Contingency Plan

Thank you for your understanding during Angela's period of absence in the first week of term. In the future event of staff absence, we may need to reduce the number of children attending sessions in order to comply with staff ratio regulations. In this event, parents will be notified via the Tiddlywinks Whatsapp group and by email. The parents of children who cannot be admitted on a specific day will then receive a phone call on the morning in question at the latest, or earlier if possible.

If you are concerned about these arrangements, please speak directly to the Pre-School Manager, who is responsible for the management of day-to-day provision.

AGM

We have our Pre-School Annual General Meeting on Monday 25th November at 7.00pm in Kite Class, Stretham Primary School at which we will be forming a new Committee. All parents and carers are invited to attend and will be very welcome - please do come along and support your Pre-School. We cannot legally run without a Committee.

Safeguarding

Please let a member of staff know if your child has an accident at home or on the way to Pre-School, or has an existing injury when they arrive at Tiddlywinks. 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.

On arrival at Pre-School, please remember that children remain your responsibility until they are received by a member of Tiddlywinks staff. At collection time, once your child has been sent out to you, they are no longer the responsibility of Tiddlywinks staff.

Winter Months

Please remember to send your child to Pre-School with a named hat, gloves and warm coat as the weather begins to change.

Please be mindful that the Coronavirus is still with us and bear this in mind if your child is generally unwell, or develops a high temperature or has a cough.

Bicycles and Scooters

Please remember that the riding of scooters and bicycles on school premises is not permitted. If your child travels to Pre-School on a bicycle or scooter, you will need to take them home after drop-off in the mornings.

30-hour Funding

You may be eligible to claim the extended 30-hour entitlement to free childcare from January 2025. To check your eligibility, ensure your entitlement is maintained or apply for the extended entitlement, you need to contact HMRC before 30th November 2024. You can do this via the www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare web page, where you will find a full step-by-step guide.

Seesaw

As you already know, Seesaw is our main platform for sharing your child's learning journey with you.

Seesaw is a very secure and easy to use means for us to share photos of your child's 'Wow' moments, examples of their work and insights into their development whilst they are at Tiddlywinks. Equally, it allows you to share with us photos and/or videos of your child's life experiences, developments and family days out.

Please do engage in the Seesaw platform as often as you can to keep abreast of your child's development. If you would like to share information about your child via Seesaw, please do so as follows:

On PC

Log onto your account
On the Home Screen, select 'Messages'
Type your message where it says 'Message to Staff'
Click the circle with the + sign to upload photographs
Click 'Send'

On Android Phone

Log onto your account
Tap the two speech bubbles to enter into messages
Tap the square button with a pencil inside it, at the top right of the screen
Tap 'Staff'
Tap 'Next'
Type your message
Tap the circle with the + sign in it to upload photographs
Tap 'Send'

Diary Dates

AGM Mon 25th November, 7.00pm Kite Class, Stretham Primary School

If you have concerns about any aspect of your child's development or their time at Pre-School, please do not hesitate to speak to the Pre-School Manager.