



JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to another new term at Tiddlywinks. We hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas period.

Staffing Update

Unfortunately, we were not successful in our first round of interviews and we are now re-advertising for a new member of staff to join us as soon as possible. In the meantime, members of the Committee are coming in to the setting to support the staff.

Sadly, this situation is not unique to Tiddlywinks – Pre-School and nursery settings nationwide are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit new people into the profession. We really do appreciate your understanding; please do bear with us and look out for updates. If you have any concerns about the current staffing situation, please speak to the Pre-School Manager directly.

Seesaw

As you have already been advised, we only upload photos of 'Wow' moments onto the Seesaw platform. Please do keep an eye on your child's account for any new moments or information updates.

Clothing

As the weather continues to stay cold and inclement, please remember to send your child in with suitable hats, gloves and coats to keep them warm during outside play. We go outside every day, whatever the weather.

Please ensure all clothing is labelled.

Nail Varnish

Please remember that if your child comes to Tiddlywinks wearing nail varnish, they will not be able to participate in any cooking activities.

Nut Allergies

Please do not include any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox as we have children at Tiddlywinks who have nut allergies.

Independence

We would appreciate your ongoing support in encouraging your child to be independent in their self-care – i.e. feeding and dressing themselves.

Also, whilst we fully understand and appreciate that some children may need the reassurance of a comforter such as a teddy, blankie or snuggly, these often distract them from learning and engaging fully during a session. They can obviously also get misplaced or lost, which can cause unnecessary distress.

If your child feels they need to bring a comforter to Tiddlywinks, please encourage them to leave it in their bag, safe in the knowledge that it is nearby. We will also encourage this and provide the necessary comfort and support to children, should they need it.