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Newsletter – Spring 2020:

Welcome back to you all – an especially warm welcome to those of you who are with us for the first time this term. We hope you have all had an amazing Christmas and New Year.

We have now updated our facebook page and this can now be found @The Treehouse Pre-School Aylesbury. The old page under Southcourt Baptist Church Playgroup will cease on 16th February 2020. We will continue to put items of interest on this new page. Please also check our website: www.thetreehousepre-school.org regularly where you will find term dates and special events. Please do let us know if you have any feedback on the website or suggestions for anything you would like posted on there.

At the end of this letter you will see all the important dates for this term – please do keep this in a safe place so you know what activities are going on.

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in Pre-School. Without the support of all of you Pre-School simply would not happen. We really do value this parental partnership.

Visit to Bertha's Café: You will have received information from us about Bertha's Café and we have arranged a visit on Friday 14th February to take the children over to Bertha's Café for snack time as a treat. We would love as many parents as possible to come with us. We will provide snacks and drinks for the children, however any other refreshments will need to be purchased. We will get to the Café for 10:20 and leave no later than 11:00. We will send a separate letter confirming details closer to the time.

Maths and Literacy Home Learning Bags: We have had a good response with lots of positive feedback to our Maths and Literacy Home Learning Bags. These bags have activities in for you to use with your child at home. Please do take advantage of these great resources. If you would like instructions for these printed in your home language please do let us know and we will do our best to do this. Please do talk to Lis if you have any questions in relation to the bags.

Help Required:

Library: We are very fortunate this term as we have two parents covering the running of the Pre-School Library. If you are able to help with the Library if necessary and would like to do so please do let Claire know.

Clothing: Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we do go out in all weathers. It is helpful if you can supply named wellies for your child. Also remember to **label items your child brings into Pre-School as much as possible**. Coats, jumpers, sunhats and footwear should

all be labelled as it is very difficult to return these to you if it is unnamed. Please do check the outside coat trolley for any missing outdoor clothes.

Nappies/Potty Training: If your child is in nappies, please do ensure you have enough nappies in their bag on their peg. If your child is in all day they will be changed twice each day (more often if needed). If you feel your child is ready for Potty Training, please do talk with us as we can support you with this in Pre-School. We have a leaflet we have developed which we can give to you.

Drop Off/Collecton Times: We do need to insist that you let us know if someone else is collecting your child as we will not let them go with anyone else unless you have informed us on the day about this arrangement.

Home/Pre-School Diaries: A big thank you to those of you who use the home/Pre-School diaries for your child. We really do find them useful and hope that you do too. If you haven't got a home/Pre-School diary for your child, please do ask your child's key worker for one.

For Information:

Acts of Worship: We continue to welcome Iain Nash to Pre-School who is the Children's Pastor in the church. Iain leads some short Acts of Worship in Pre-School which involves a Bible Story (usually using his Puppet Colin The Crocodile who the children love) and singing along whilst playing guitar. The children really do enjoy these activities.



Smile +: Thank you for your support of us as a Smile+ Setting. Please do ask if you need any suggestions as to what to put in your child's lunchbox that is healthy but also good for their teeth..

30 Hours: We are continuing to offer up to 25 hours of child care in Pre-School in line with the government's offer for eligible families of 3 and 4 year olds. Further details on all the childcare support options and eligibility can be found at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>. If you know you are eligible for this and have an eligibility code please do let us know as soon as possible. **If you are eligible for the 30 hour funding you do have to recheck your eligibility yourselves every three months. Failure to do so may result in the provision being withdrawn.**

Tax-Free Childcare: As a setting we have signed up to the Government's Tax-Free Childcare Scheme.

Attendance: If your child is not going to be in Pre-School for any reason we do need you to let us know. Either a phone call to: 01296 434541 or an email to claire@southcourt.org. You can also use the Report an Absence form on the new website (www.thetreehousepre-school.org). If we are not informed this may lead to your child's funding being withdrawn. In any event we will call you if your child is not in to see where they are.

STAFF NEWS:

Becky is now working towards her Level 3 Childcare Qualification and Lis is also studying at the moment. We are really proud of both of them for their commitment to their roles in pre-school and by taking these opportunities to further their own learning and knowledge which in turn has a really positive impact on your children's learning.

MOBILE PHONES: Just a reminder that Mobile phones are not permitted in the Pre-School. This is part of our safeguarding policy. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to turn it off or take your call outside.

Red/Blue Bags: The red/blue bags that stay in Pre-School, are provided for you to keep a change of clothes in for your child and stay in Pre-School. If you do bring a bag into Pre-School of your child's choosing please ensure the same is clearly named. If you have any creams/medication in them such as nappy rash creams or sun cream these must be removed before leaving them on your child's peg as the children are able to access these bags constantly. Please ensure you have spare nappies/changes of clothes for your child in these bags. Please ensure if your child is in nappies that you replenish these in your child's bag regularly. Please do not place any food or drinks in these bags.

Car Park: Please do be aware that when collecting children there may be other cars around in the car park. Please do ensure that your child/ren are safely belted into your cars when leaving Pre-School to avoid any accidents.

Useful websites:

Government: Ofsted: To view the latest Ofsted report online visit:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY496576>

Bucks County Council: Bucks County Council have an amazing website with lots of information for you as parents. This can be found at:

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/family.page?familychannel=2>

Child Development: Communication: Whether you feel your child's speech, language and communication is developing as you feel it should or if you have any concerns these two websites have some good advice and activities for you to try. The Hungry Little Minds website is part of a Government Initiative to really impact on communication and language.

www.speechteach.co.uk

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Children's Centre Details:

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=1FEHF0VnLAI&childrenscentrechannel=37>

Child Health:

Play England and Change 4 Life: These two websites provide invaluable information in relation to the health and wellbeing of your child and are worth a look—both give very good suggestions in relation to activities you could do with your child.

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/change-for-life.aspx>

Travel:

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/>

www.chilternrailways.co.uk/

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/cycling-and-walking/cycle-bucks/>

Please do display this sheet at home so you can have dates to hand:

DATE/Time:	Event:
Monday 6 th January (Staff Only) - CLOSED	Home Visits
Tuesday 7 th January	Pre-School Opens for All
Tuesday 14 th January	Iain Nash (Children's Pastor) Act of Worship (AM)
Thursday 16 th January	Iain Nash (Children's Pastor) Act of Worship (PM)
Friday 14 th February	Bertha's Café Visit
Monday 17 th February– Friday 21 st February (Inclusive) – CLOSED	Closed for Half Term
Wednesday 19 th February	Messy Church 10:30-12:30
Monday 23 rd March	Communication Week Begins
Wednesday 1 st April	Last day of term for children
Thursday 2 nd April (Staff Only) – CLOSED	New Starters Morning/Tidy Up
Friday 3 rd April (Staff Only) - CLOSED	Planning
Monday 20 th April (Staff Only) – CLOSED	Home Visits
Tuesday 21 st April	Pre-School Re-opens for all
Friday 8 th May - CLOSED	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May (inclusive) – CLOSED	Half Term

Our Term Dates run in line with Buckinghamshire County Council. If you wish to look at dates further in advance please look at their Website:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/schools/term-dates-and-school-holidays-in-buckinghamshire/>

Please note if we do have to close due to inclement weather this will be advertised on the Bucks County Council Website and also the Pre-School website.