

Newsletter



Welcome to Autumn Term 2

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely week off and we are looking forward to hearing all about it from the children.

What we will be up to.....

The Christmas countdown is officially on and so of course we will be doing lots of Christmas activities leading up to the holidays.

Making our way up to Christmas, we have lots and lots planned for the children. We will be learning about different festivals and special days such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

Road Safety Week is during the 17th and 23rd of November, so there will be discussions surrounding this.

Children in Need - We will be holding a design your own mask competition alongside a bake sale. The mask competition will be £1 per entry and the winner will be chosen on Friday 15th. We are also asking parents to bring in a cake, week commencing 11th November and we will sell them to raise some money for this great cause. So please don't forget your pounds at pick up 😊

Christmas Breakfast - We will be selling tickets for our Christmas breakfast which will be taking place on Friday 20th December. The tickets will be £5 and will include breakfast with some entertainment from the children to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Weather

It's going to be getting colder now we are heading into the winter months, so please can parents remember to pack a nice warm hat and some gloves for your child. Don't forget to name them 😊

Dates in the Diary

Half Term Holidays -

End of term - Friday 20th December 2024

First day of term - Tuesday 7th January 2025

Parent consultations will be taking place week commencing 11th November. Appointments were sent via email so please check the date and time allocated to you and let the Pre-School know of any problems.

Odd Socks Day - 12th November. Children are encouraged to wear odd socks!

Children in Need Day - 15th November. If you've got anything spotty please put it on!

Christmas Jumper Day is on the 12th December and we welcome children to wear their jumpers to Pre-School.

Christmas Breakfast - Friday 20th December which will be followed by the children's Christmas party. More details to follow nearer the time.

Our New Library

We are officially opening a library this term and children will get to take a book home every week of their choice. They will have their own reading log and parents will be asked to comment and let us know whether their child enjoyed the book, their favourite part or whether they weren't too keen. We are all very excited about this and hope the children really enjoy it!

REMINDERS

- Please could you put your child's name in all items of clothing plus their coats and shoes
- Could all parents make sure that they bring a spare change of clothes daily (needed for water play or toileting purposes). Please also name water bottles and lunch boxes.
- Could we please ask that unless you are toilet training, you provide nappies that are not pull ups so that the children do not need to be stripped in order to change their nappy. Please can you also provide a packet of wipes if your child is in nappies.
- Please can we ask that all grapes and tomatoes in lunch boxes be sliced long ways to reduce risk of choking.
- Please remember that we have children with **nut allergies** so we ask you not to put nuts or items containing nuts in lunch boxes.
- The car park in front of the school is for staff only. Please do not use it when dropping your children off.
- Please can parents be mindful that **pick up is at 3pm**. Staff are needed to set up for Kidspace.

Please remember we have an open door policy. If you would like to speak to a member of staff, contact Emma in the office who will arrange a meeting or there is always a member of staff outside at the end of the day to talk to.

Spare Shoes

If your child has outgrown their shoes/wellies and they are in a wearable condition, please can you pass them on to us so that we can use them as spares in case the children's feet get wet for any reason.

Changes in circumstances

If you need to inform us of any changes of address/email, contact numbers, medical needs etc, Please see Emma who will supply the relevant forms.

It is extremely important that our records are kept up-to-date.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from Pre-School, can you please let us know either by email on newtonlongvillepreschool@btconnect.com or via telephone on 01908 641706.

Online Safety - Children in the early years are now more digitally savvy than ever before. Their use of digital devices is commonplace with apps like YouTube Kids becoming a destination of choice for 72% of children aged 3 to 4 according to a recent Ofcom report. Research also shows that children are moving away from watching TV, opting for video-on-demand content on video-sharing platforms to watch cartoons, mini movies and songs.

Here is some more information from BBC Bitesize:

[Keeping safe online - BBC Bitesize](#)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Buckinghamshire Lottery - You have received an email to say that we have signed up to the Buckinghamshire Lottery. This is a weekly lottery initiative that aims to raise funds for good causes in our local Buckinghamshire area. Tickets are £1 each with the chance to win the top prize of £25,000. 50p of every ticket comes to us and the money raised will go towards continuing to revamp our outside area. If you have missed the email let us know and we will resend it.

Please feel free to tell friends and family about it. You can use the 'refer a friend' option in your account and then both parties will then be entered into a draw for a £200 Amazon gift card.

The prizes on offer.....

6 number matches - £25, 000

5 number matches - £2,000

4 number matches - £250

3 number matches - £25

2 number matches - 3 extra tickets



To start supporting us, visit:

www.BuckinghamshireLottery.co.uk and search for NL Pre-School.

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Snack Fee Increase - Following an email that was sent out to all parents via Parentmail last term, we are increasing our snack fee from £5 to £10 every half term to children that attend for 3 or more morning sessions. The snack fee for those children who attend less than 3 morning sessions, will remain the same at £5 every half term.

Donation Board - We are continuing a donation board and it will be outside the setting on different days and times each week. Please take a post-it and help us with some resources we need for the children. Any donation help will and has always been so greatly appreciated.

Change in hours - If you would like to change your child's hours, this takes place every half term. Please send an email into the office or speak with a member of staff.

Pre-School Facebook Page

If you have Facebook, have a look for our Facebook page 'Newton Longville Pre-School' we update it with pictures and information all about our Pre-School. Go and give us a like 😊

Feedback

Lastly, feedback is so important to us and it also let's us know how parents are feeling. If anyone has any feedback for us that we can add to our website, please do send it in!