

## Spring Term 2020

Welcome back to the preschool. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a well-deserved break.

### Welcome

A very big welcome to our new starters Teddy, Albert, Edward, Ajay, Bobby and Jacob. We hope you have lots of fun at preschool.

### Staff Changes

We welcome our new Keyworker, Chloe. She has lots of childcare experience and is getting to know the children well. Chloe works Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is in the bumble bees' group.

### Independence

We do everything we can to support the children to become confident, happy and independent little people, so that when they go to school, they have the skills needed to thrive. Maths and English are very important, but so are the practical things. We have weekly PE sessions where the children are able to practise taking their shoes on and off. We are here to help them with this, but if we could ask that they have shoes which they can learn to do themselves. Velcro is easy for the children, but laces are too difficult. During lunch we also have the opportunity to support the children with their independence. We encourage and show the children how to open their lunches. Easy to open pots or tin foil are good.

### Weather

The weather will hopefully start to change soon, but in the meantime can I please ask that all children have coats and some warmer clothes in their bags so that they can still enjoy playing outside. Can these be clearly labelled.

## Interest Stickers

We will still continue to share observations via tapestry. However, we would like to share somethings a little quicker. If your child has shown a particular interest or new skill at preschool, we will be giving them a sticker with the details on, so that you know at collection time and can talk to them about it. Equally if your children are showing a new interest or skill at home, please also use the stickers. We can share these moments with them too and make sure our activities are reflecting their interests. Stickers are available, please just ask a member of staff.

## Car Park

Reminder that it is only for staff parking.

### 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)
- Could all parents make sure that they pack wellies for their child, clearly named.
- Please can we ask that all grapes in lunch boxes be sliced long ways to reduce risk of choking.
- Could we please ask, that unless you are potty training, that you provide nappies and not pull ups. They are cheaper and the children don't need to be stripped in order to change one. Many thanks.

## Dates in the Diary

Half Term Holidays -	End of half term	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
	First day of term	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
	End of term	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
	First day of Term	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Al The Music Man	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	
Zoo lab wriggle & crawl	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	



### 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. This is also good to use for information about closures etc.

### Tapestry

As most of you know, we keep you up to date with your child's learning via our online system 'Tapestry'. If your child has done something special at home, please document it with photographs or comments on their learning journey. If you are experiencing any problems login onto tapestry then please talk to a member of staff who will be able to help.

### Absence

If your children are going to be absent from preschool please let us know.

### Parents Stay & Play Rota

We offer the opportunity for you to come along and spend some time with us in Pre-school, to share with your child, experiences here and see how our setting works. The rota is on the parent's notice board, please complete it if you would like. We would love to see you.

### Contact Details

Please ensure that the Pre-School is informed of any new addresses/telephone numbers to enable us to contact the correct person in case of emergency.

Please provide us with an up-to-date email address. This allows us to contact you in case of closure due to adverse weather etc. It is extremely important that our records are kept up-to-date.

### Male role models

We are on the look-out for male role models for our children. These could be dads/uncles/grandads signing up to stay and play or retired villagers with a few spare hours per week. Its proven to be really beneficial for all of the children to observe male influences at the mark making table and reading with small groups or individually. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer then please speak to our preschool staff and we can arrange for them to come in. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY (but would be good if they liked children 😊)