



Laugh and Learn Pre-School Tarring - Newsletter - Issue 38- June 2024

Its feeling more and more like summer is on its way and we are all enjoying the sunshine. As usual this coming half term is our busiest by far with our teddy bears picnic, Sunflower competition, our graduation/end of term picnic and not to mention all the extra activities for our school leavers preparing them for moving on.

Please remember if you have any queries or concerns at any point, we are here to support you. Can we please ask that you do not allow your children, including siblings to go around the side of the building in the mornings as we have had a few incidents recently of stones being thrown at our back door. Many thanks

Some Dates to Remember.

Closed Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May.

Monday 3 rd June	- Return to pre-school
Wednesday 5 th June	- Pirates and Princess dress up Day
Sunday 16 th June	- Father's Day
Wednesday 19 th June	-10am-Leavers group photograph
Monday 24 th June	- Date to return attendance slip for end of term picnic by
Tuesday 25 th June	-Teddy Bears picnic
Wednesday 10 th July	- Sunflower Competition
Friday 12 th July	- Last day of term
Friday 12 th July	-End of Term Picnic/Graduation at Goring Gap 5-7pm

A few of this half terms activities:



Pirates and Princess dress up week

Our first week back after half term with have a 'Pirates and Princess' theme as we are very much expecting our castle to have arrived by then. So, all the children are welcome to come dressed up as their favourite Pirate, Princess or Prince all week to join us for lots of exciting adventures!

Availability of sessions

With spaces filling up quickly especially with the new 2 year funded hours about to start, please do let us know as soon as you are able to if you think you will be needing additional sessions going forward, or if you are intending to apply for siblings in the near future as we want to be able to accommodate our current families as much as possible..

As always, we would also be very grateful if you were to recommend us to all your families and friends.

Parents evening

We will again be holding parent's evenings next half term to enable you to come in to have a chat with your child's keyperson to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their overall development. An email will come out early next half term to enable you to book a slot and we are looking forward to seeing you all.

Can we just remind you to not bring your child along to these as it is not appropriate to discuss them in front of their ever-listening ears!

Pet week

Last week we had pet week, which has been a wonderful hands-on experience for the children to get up close and personal with a range of animals and pets. Here are a few of them below, thank you so much to all who shared their lovely pets with us all.



Ducklings

As part of Pet week, we have all so loved watching our duckling eggs hatch and grow before our eyes and they certainly got a lot bigger in the week they were with us! It was very funny to watch them have their first paddle and as they grew in confidence their first swim!



Holiday Club

As previously advised, we will be offering a holiday club on the Tuesdays and Thursdays in August for our Laugh and Learn preschool children to support our parents over the long summer holidays, and to enable the children to continue to have access to lots of fun and hands on learning with the Laugh and Learn Ladies in a setting they are already familiar with.

Booking is now open so let us know if you would like an application form, and to those who have already completed a form please pay your deposits as soon as possible to reserve your places.

Broadwater Community Hub

We are very happy to be working with and supporting this amazing charity who support our local community - offering a food pantry and pet pantry at very subsidised prices, as well as a community library and cafe space for groups to use or just a space to relax and meet others.

Next half term we would like to invite you to donate an item of dry food for us to be able to pass on to the Hub for them to use in their food pantry to support local families who might be going through a hard time.

Any item of store cupboard food, like tinned items, pasta, rice etc would be hugely appreciated along with any toiletry or sanitary items. We will again have a box in preschool for you to donate items and we will take them along to the Hub at the end of the half term. Thank you all in advance in supporting our local community.

Visits to our local Care Home



We had another lovely morning visiting Tarring Manor care home with a small group of children where we planted sunflower seeds and made bird feeders whilst chatting with the residents. What a lovely opportunity for us to build relationships in our community and for all to learn and share experiences with each other. We will be taking another group of children soon when we will be looking at how toys have changed over time.

Music group



Next half term we will continue with our 30-minute fun and friendly dance classes with HIPHOP4TOTS through WANNADO street dance on Tuesday afternoons.

We will all be taking part in an energetic and inspiring class of Freestyle dance, Street dance foundations and Funky games. Which will be FUN, sociable, and supports your child's individuality and style whilst improving confidence and fitness.

There is no additional charge for these sessions which is unfortunately only currently open to all the children who attend on a Tuesday afternoon at this time.

Outside area update

As you will have all seen we have been updating our outside area, with a lick of paint and a new pirate ship for adventures! Thanks to you all with your sponsors from our sponsored sports day and kind donations we have now been able to purchase our new castle which will be delivered soon!



Childhood immunisations

Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting children, families, and the community against unpleasant and sometimes serious diseases. We have been asked by WSCC to raise awareness about the importance of childhood vaccination and to encourage parents to catch up on any vaccinations their children might have missed before they start school.

Encouraging Independence in readiness for school/Homework (school leavers only)

For those of you who have children transferring to school this September we are working on preparing your child in preschool for a smooth transition by encouraging them in certain areas. We will be helping them to develop their independence, toileting independently and problem-solving skills by encouraging them to have a go themselves and find their own solutions to situations, as well as their listening skills by playing games where the children must wait for an instruction and recognising their names whilst always making their learning a fun experience.

We have also started to email out to you simple weekly homework that you can do with your child to support home learning and conversations at home about starting school, which can be invaluable in raising their confidence.

Homework will continue to be emailed out on a Friday each week for the next few weeks for you to complete at a time that suits you. There is absolutely no pressure for this to be completed and when, this is just aimed at being a brief 10-15 minutes of 'homework' for you to share with your child if you choose to. We would love if you were able to add to Tapestry pictures of any completed work for us to share with your child's keyperson to enable us to participate in your child's learning experiences.

Leaver's Photograph (school leavers only)

We have 31 little ones leaving us this term and we will be taking a "leaver's group photograph" on Wednesday 19th June at 10am. We would be grateful if any of our leavers who do not usually attend on this day could be brought in just for the duration of the photo, and parents and carers will need to stay with those children. The photograph will be taken promptly at 10am and will only take 5 or 10 minutes, those arriving late will unfortunately miss out.

We will also be taking individual photographs of the children in their graduation outfits which will be available to purchase in the run up to the end of term if you would like to. All proceeds from these sales will directly benefit the children with the purchase of new equipment.

Teddy Bears Picnic (open to children who attend on Tuesdays only)

On Tuesday 25th June we will be holding our annual teddy bears picnic and we would ask each child who normally attends on Wednesdays to bring in a named teddy bear from home and we will be having a special picnic style snack on that day. We will be linking this picnic with various activities to do with bears but unfortunately, due to staffing restrictions, we can only accommodate those children who already attend on a Tuesday.

End of Term Picnic/Graduation (open to all)

We will be organising our usual end of term picnic to give our pre-school 'family' an opportunity to come together on an informal basis, and to encourage staff and parents to get to know each other better before we break up for the summer holidays. This event has always been very enjoyable in the past and we are so happy to be able to have it again this year. All our parents and their immediate families are invited, and you will need to bring your own picnic food and a rug. The date will be the last day of term on Friday 12th July (weather permitting) and it will be held on the Greensward in Goring Gap between 5pm and 7pm and **Beefit** will be in attendance for some fun activities. We will need the attached slip completed and returned as we will need to know the numbers attending to apply for permission for the event from the West Sussex County Council.

We will also be holding our leavers graduation as part of our end of term picnic where we will have a small ceremony where all our leavers will receive a small gift. If our end of term picnic is called off due to poor weather as a backup plan, we will hold our leavers Graduation at another time and place to be advised.

Sun Hats/Hot Weather/Named Clothing

As the warmer weather is now hopefully here to stay, please make sure your child has a named sun hat and named sun screen. You should apply the sun screen yourselves in the morning and, for those children who stay all day, we will re-apply it for them after lunch time providing you supply us with a named supply. For those children who do not have any sun screen or sun hats with them we will make a decision on a daily basis as to whether to let them outside for short periods of time only.

In addition, please ensure that all of your child's bag and its contents are clearly named and that **no food or medicines** are left in them. Please, please, please can you make sure you name everything.

Uniform polo shirts and sweatshirts

Our Laugh and Learn uniform is certainly not compulsory but it is just perfect for pre-school. If you are interested in purchasing some, please come and speak to us. Polo shirts are £12.50 each and sweatshirts £13.50 each, and we do hold some stock at Pre-school.

Lunches

If you have a child staying for lunch, please make sure that they have a "healthy packed lunch". A sandwich, a piece of fruit, a yogurt, a biscuit, and a drink are plenty and **NO SWEETS** please. Please do not put too much in as they do not have much time to eat. We are a strict **NO NUTS** setting (including chocolate spread and Peanut Butter) **due to allergies.** In addition, **please ensure that if they need a spoon to eat a yogurt you supply a spoon**, all grapes are sliced in half longways, they have water or squash to drink, and can you also **make sure there is an ice pack in their lunch boxes** as we have no facilities on the premises to keep the lunches chilled. Thankyou.

Water Bottles

To enable us to provide the children with access to water, we would be grateful if you were able to bring in a **named** water bottle each time they attend. The bottles should be filled with water, which we will refill when necessary. No squash please. These bottles should be placed in the boxes provided and we will ensure that the children are reminded to drink throughout the session with the support of an adult.

Do you think you may be entitled to the Early Years funded entitlement?

If you are a working parent and you believe your 2 year old may be entitled to the 15 hours of funding or a 3 year old who may be entitled to the 30 hours of funding, please remember that you can only use the funding in the term after they turn 2 or 3 years of age, and you will need to apply for it in the term BEFORE you wish to use it. You will also need to reconfirm you are still entitled to the funding every three months. Please look on the government website "Childcare Choices" to see the eligibility criteria and to apply. <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Facebook Page

Please like and share our Facebook page. We update it each week with photos of the activities your children have been involved in to encourage you to feel connected to your child's experiences and to encourage conversation at home about your child's day. **Please remember to adjust your own privacy settings as our page is unrestricted** and we do not intend to ever post any pictures or information which would identify any individual child. We hope the post will help you support your child's learning at home, and you can check out the page for information on up-and-coming events or emergency closures in severe weather and so on.

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Contacting Us

Should you need to contact the pre-school to let us know about any absences or for general queries then please call **07568443352** anytime from 8.30am on weekdays. For any queries, including any general enquires regarding changing sessions or fees, please continue to contact Sharon on **07809254917** or send an email to laughandlearnbennett@yahoo.co.uk.

WSCC Privacy Notice

Following the new Data and Privacy Laws we have been asked by WSCC to send each of our parents a copy of their own Privacy Notice. Please see the notice at the bottom of this newsletter.

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2024

1st half term Mon 15th April-Fri 24th May (6)

CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY MON 6th MAY

(Closed Half Term Mon 27th May -Fri 31st May)

2nd half Mon 3rd June-Fri 12th July (6)

Autumn Term 2024

1st half term Mon 9th Sept- Fri 25th October (7)

(Closed Half Term Mon 28th Oct-Fri 1st Nov)

2nd half Mon 4th Nov-Fri 20th Dec (7)

Spring Term 2025

1st half Mon 6th Jan- Fri 14th Feb (6)

(Closed Half Term Mon 17th Feb-Fri 21st Feb)

2nd half Mon 24th Feb-Fri 4th Apr (6)

Summer Term 2025

1st half Tues 22nd Apr-23rd May (5)

CLOSED 21st APR-EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY

CLOSED 5TH MAY BANK HOLIDAY

(Closed Half Term Mon 26th May- Fri 30th May)

2nd half Mon 2nd June-Fri 18th July (7)

Please note that the above dates may be subject to change at short notice

End of Term Picnic/Graduation Friday 12th July 2024 - 5pm to 7pm - Goring Gap

Child's Name: _____

We will/will not be attending the End of Term Picnic/Graduation: YES/NO (please delete as appropriate)

Number of Children Attending: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____

(We need to know numbers in order to inform WSCC to obtain permission for the picnic)

I understand that all children in my care at this event will be my responsibility, and that I will need to bring my own picnic and a rug to sit on.

Parent's Signature: _____ Dated: _____

Please return this form by Monday 24th June



Privacy Notice for parents accessing Early Years and Childcare provision

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018

The **Local Authority (LA)** processes information on children in order to help administer education and family services and in doing so must comply with GDPR 2018. This means, among other things, that the data held about children, must only be used for specific purposes allowed by law.

The **Early Years and Childcare Setting** holds information on children and their families in order to support their development; monitor their progress; apply for funding; provide appropriate pastoral care and self-evaluate their provision for the purposes of **Ofsted** inspections.

From time to time Early Years and Childcare Settings are required to pass on some of this data to LAs, the **Department for Education (DfE)** and to agencies that are prescribed by law and Ofsted. In particular, at age five an assessment (known as Early Years Foundation Stage Profile) is made of all children and this information is passed to the LA and receiving schools to help meet the child's needs. Any such organisation will have their own Privacy Notice.

The LA and **Commissioned Partners** (for example NHS Healthy Child Programme) use information about children and families for whom they provide services where there is a legal reason to do so. This may also be used for the wider purpose of planning/accessing services for children and families.

For example, the LA and Commissioned Partners use your information to:

- claim Free Entitlement (FE) for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
- identify children's needs through Integrated Health Checks
- identify children and family's needs through Children's Learning and Well-Being Audits • safeguard children
- provide inclusion support
- inform SEND Under 5s support planning
- support effective transitions
- ensure public funds are administered and spent in line with any Statutory Guidance or

Code of Practice

They also use the information to produce statistics which inform various decisions but without identifying individual children.

Types of personal data held may include: • child's unique pupil number

- contact details
- parent/carer details

- National Insurance/National Asylum Seeker Service number • date of birth
- attendance information
- ethnicity

- personal characteristics relating to family health and environment
- special educational needs/disabilities including developmental progress

Personal data will not be retained by the LA or Commissioned Partners for longer than necessary. For example:

- financial purposes, up to seven years
- children/young people with SEND until they are aged 25

You have the right to:

- be informed of data processing (which is covered by this Privacy Notice)
- access information (also known as a Subject Access Request)
- have inaccuracies corrected
- request to have your information erased
- request restricted processing
- data portability (for example, allowing you to move, copy or transfer personal data

from one IT environment to another in a safe and secure way)

- intervention in respect of automated decision making (for example, claiming 2 year old FE funding)
- withdraw consent (where personal data is purely processed on the basis of consent)
- complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (see below)

Ofsted do not routinely process any information about individual children. Ofsted holds no records of individual children's progress. However, it does use information about the achievement of groups of children to help inform its judgements about the quality of education in Early Years Providers.

The DfE uses information about children and pupils for research and statistical purposes; to allocate funds; to inform, influence and improve education policy and to monitor the performance of the education and children's services as a whole.

Who to write to about the data held

Children, as data subjects, have certain rights under the GDPR 2018, including a general right of access to personal data held on them, with parents exercising this right on their behalf if they are too young to do so themselves. If you wish to access the personal data held about your child/family, by WSCC, please contact:

- dataprotection@westsussex.gov.uk
- Data Protection Officer, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, West Street,

Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RQ.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled by WSCC, you may wish to ask for a review of our decision by contacting our Data Protection Officer as above.

Complaints to Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If you are not content with the outcome of the WSCC review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted internal review procedures.

- The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
- <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

