

Laugh and Learn Pre-School Tarring - Newsletter - Issue 37- April 2024

We are very much hoping that Spring is on its way and warm weather will be on the cards after the Easter holidays! Hope you all have a great Easter, and the Easter Bunny brings you all lots of tasty treats! Next half term we would like to welcome our new starters to our preschool family and look forward to getting to know you all.

Please remember if you have any queries or concerns at any point, we are here to support you.

Some of this half terms activities:



Some Dates to Remember

Monday 15th April:

Easter Holidays: Monday 1st April to Friday 12th April- closed for bank holiday-Good Friday 29th March.

Monday 6th May-

Monday 13th-Friday 17th May-

Friday 24th May

Half-Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Friday 12th July-

- Return to Preschool

-CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY

-Pet week

-Last day of the 1st half of the summer half term

-Last day of the summer term.

Parents evenings

Thank you to all that were able to attend our parent's evenings it was lovely to see you all to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their overall development.

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. Our Summer term now has very limited availability so do let us know as soon as possible if you would like to make amendments. **As always, we would also be very grateful if you were to recommend us to all your families and friends.**

World Book Day



We all had fun dressing up for World Book Day, with lots of superhero's, princesses, Captain Hook, a unicorn, a dinosaur, a lizard, a butterfly, an owl, the very hungry caterpillar, Star Wars characters and Zog. We all enjoyed the week sharing our favourite stories together.

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.

Sunflower competition



The children have been planting sunflower seeds to bring home to nurture and grow for our annual sunflower competition. Further details will follow, but in July we will be asking you to send in photos of your sunflowers with details of their height from the soil to the tip and there will be prizes for the tallest.

Ducklings!



We are very excited to announce we will again be having some duckling eggs delivered to us at Preschool on Tuesday 7th May which will hatch with us after a few days when we will then transfer them from the incubator to the brooding unit where the children will then have the opportunity to help to care for and handle these lovely baby birds. They will then remain with until Friday 17th May.

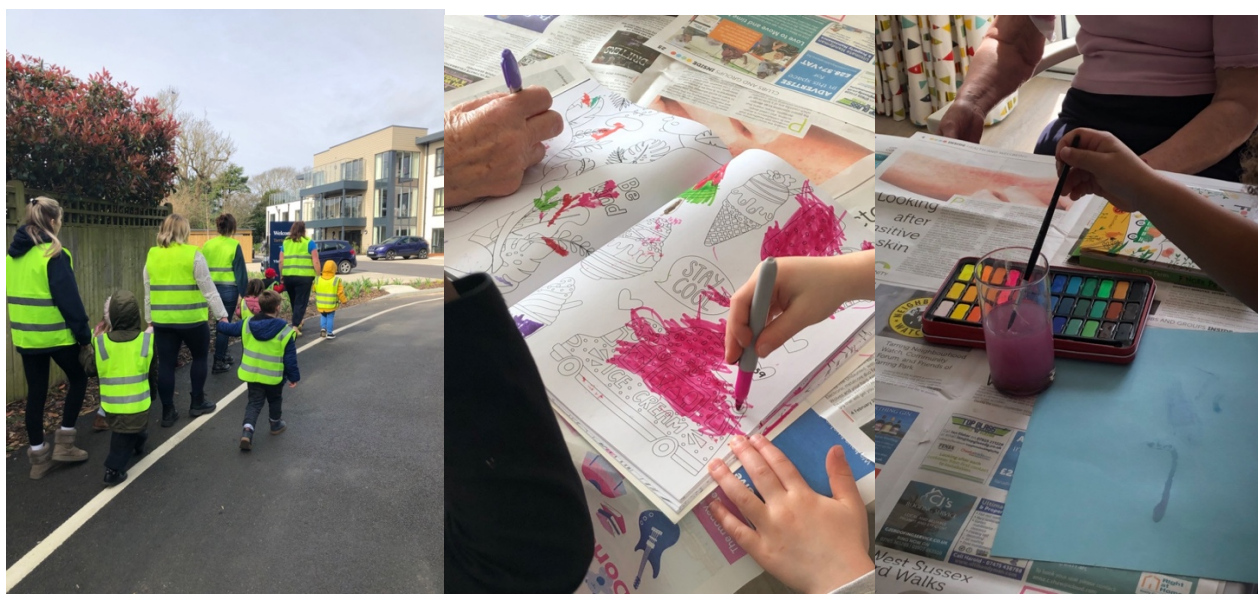
Pet Week- will also be Monday 13th-Friday 17th May when your children will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with a range of animals and pets. More information will follow in due course.

Holiday Club

As previously advised, we have been looking into the possibility of running a holiday club during the summer holidays 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.

We can now confirm that the holiday club will be running for the Tuesdays and Thursdays in August, booking forms will be coming out after the Easter holidays.

Visits to our local Care Home



We had a lovely morning visiting Tarring Manor care home with a small group of children doing lots of painting, drawing, playing Jenga, doing puzzles, playing games and 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.

Music group

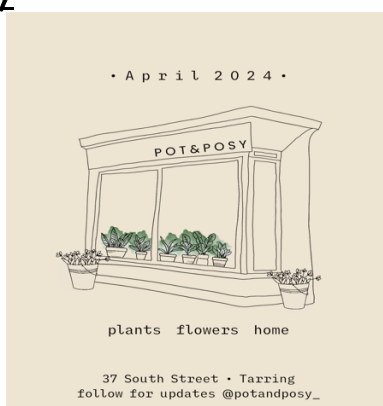


We are excited to let you know that we will be having some 30-minute fun and friendly dance classes with HIPHOP4TOTS through WANNADO street dance on Tuesday afternoons for the summer term.

With the support of their experienced teacher, along with the Laugh and Learn Ladies your child can take part in a class that enthusiastically delivers 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.

New florists opening- Pot and Posy



We have a new local florist opening next week in South Street, Tarring run by one of our lovely Laugh and Learn Mummy's. We would like to wish Iona's mummy May well with her new venture and hope we can all support this new awesome new local small business.

Encouraging Independence in readiness for school

For those of you who have children transferring to school in September, we are starting to think about how we can best prepare them for a smooth transition. We will be encouraging increased independence in these children when we return and we will be encouraging them in areas such as changing themselves, finding and recognising their own names and toileting etc. We will be doing all we can to help your child have a smooth transition, however there are some things that you could do at home that would be invaluable in raising their confidence:

- 1) Please encourage them to be independent in their toileting and in dressing and undressing themselves.
- 2) Ensure that they can recognise their own names. We work on this a lot at pre-school but it would be very beneficial if you could also work on this at home.
- 3) Please encourage your child to put on their own coat and if possible do it up. In addition, encourage them to be independent in putting away and collecting their own bag, lunch boxes and water bottles at pre-school.

These things are the most important skills for your child to have, and it is a bonus if your child can additionally write their name, know their colours, count 0-10, and know their phonic sounds.

Sun Hats/Hot Weather/Named Clothing

As the warmer weather is now hopefully right around the corner, 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.

With the British weather being so changeable too please also make sure your child has a coat with them to enable them to be outside.

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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Lead Practitioner/SENCO:	Chloe Farmer
Lead Practitioner:	Britt Boxall
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Practitioner/Bank Staff:	Stacey Cayless, Jess Duggan-Rees, Millie Kelly

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



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/carers 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/>
- 0303 123 1113