

Laugh and Learn Pre-School Tarring - Newsletter - Issue 33- September 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to preschool when we return on Monday 4th September, we hope everyone had a fantastic summer break even though the good old British weather has been a bit hit and miss! We would like to say a big "Hello" to all our new starters who are joining us this term and are looking forward to getting to know you all.

We will be supporting all our children to settle back in with us as painlessly as possible after the long summer break and don't forget you are welcome to contact us at any time to get an update on how they are doing. If you have any queries or concerns at any point, we are here to support you.

Meet the staff



Sharon
Owner/Manager.



Jess
Deputy Manager



Sara
Senior Lead Practitioner.



Chloe
Lead Practitioner



Britt
Lead Practitioner



Nicola
Practitioner



Jo. P
Practitioner



Karen
Practitioner



Julie.
Practitioner



Yvette
Practitioner



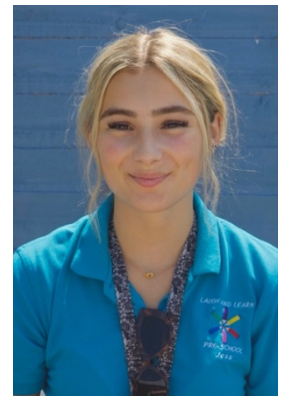
Nat
Bank Practitioner.



Stacey
Bank Practitioner.



Jodie
Bank Practitioner.



Jess
Bank Practitioner

Some Dates to Remember

Monday 4th September - Return to pre-school
Closed Half term - Monday 23rd -Friday 27th October.
Friday 15th December - Last day of term

Sunflower Competition

A huge well done to all who took part in our annual sunflower growing competition, the ones planted into the garden grew the tallest! Our 1st prize went to Luna whose sunflower grew to 196cm. 2nd prize went to Chloe at 162cm and 3rd prize to Kit at 122cm. Well done to all!!

Sponsored Danceathon

A huge thankyou to all who sponsored their child or donated for our fun 'Danceathon' fundraising event last term to try to raise some much-needed funds to update our kitchen area at Preschool. We raised £509 in total which is amazing. Thank you to all.

Staff news

Sadly, with Stacey moving away from Worthing, from September she will be changing to bank staff with us so we will still be seeing her but not as much.

Availability of sessions

With spaces filling up very quickly 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 soon as we want to be able to accommodate our current families as much as possible. We would also be very grateful if you were to recommend us to all your families and friends.

Lions and Tigers groups

For our 'coming together time' held first thing in the morning and our 'group time' held towards the end of the morning session the children are separated into their groups of 'Lions' and 'Tigers'. The Lions group supports the children with concentration, more listening and taking part in stories and sharing information from home and the Tigers group supports the children to be able to participate in stories, songs and activities in a more age-appropriate hands-on way which supports them to make choices for themselves.

Some of our current children will therefore be moving up to become Lions in September.



Lions

Children starting school Sept 2024



Tigers

Children NOT starting school Sept 2024.



Bee-fit Music Group

We are very excited that we will be continuing our 30-minute weekly sessions with Bee-fit but on a Tuesday afternoon now when we, with the support of Bee-fit along with the Laugh and Learn Ladies can take part in a class that supports physical activity to improve self-confidence, independence, listening and following instructions, as well as enhancing muscle control, hand eye co-ordination and promoting an overall sense of well-being.

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

Tina at Bee-fit is looking to recruit to her team so do get in touch with her if you would be interested.

Bee-fit
We Are
HIRING
JOIN US !

Available roles:

- ▶ Pre-school sessions 9-11am
- ▶ After school clubs
- ▶ Weekend parties

Requirements :

- ▶ High energy
- ▶ Great with kids
- ▶ Full driving licence with access to a car

tina@bee-fit.co.uk 07815976224 Worthing

Sun Hats/Named Clothing

We are of course hoping that the warmer weather will continue for a little longer so 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 your child's bag and all 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.**

As we are never sure what the weather will do in September do please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather on the day so sun hats or wellies may be needed!

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.

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.

Bringing toys/dressing up to pre-school

We would ask you to be consistent in **not** allowing your child to bring their own toys or dressing up from home into pre-school. We do appreciate that some children need to bring comforters with them, but it is very difficult to ensure these items do not get lost and broken. Thank you.

Parking

As we often state in our newsletters, we are all aware that parking can be very difficult at drop off and pick up time. it is very important that we remain on good terms with our neighbours, and we would ask you to park considerately, and ensure that a clear access is always maintained for vehicles passing through. Please also do not park across the end of our driveway as this is shared and access is always required by our neighbour. Thank you once again for your cooperation.

Polite reminder about dogs on the premises

We would politely remind you that, although we love dogs, they are not allowed on the premises or in the playground at any time. In addition, they must not be tied up at the gate as this causes distress to some of our more sensitive children who are forced to walk past them when entering or leaving. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Do you think you may be entitled to the 30 hours funding?

If you believe your child may be entitled to the 30 hours funding, please remember that you can only use the funding in the term **after** they turn 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/>

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.

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.

Pre School-Staff: Owner/Manager:	Sharon Bennett
Deputy Manager:	Jessica Fedarb
Senior Lead Practitioner:	Sara Leamon
Lead Practitioners:	Chloe Farmer, Britt Boxall
Practitioners:	Nicola Duggan-Rees Julie Smith. Jo Davis, Karen Rose, and Yvette Ball
Practitioner/Bank Staff:	Stacey Cayless, Jess Duggan-Rees, Jodie Lossing-Smith & Nat Tyler

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 the office number **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 in the form of a PDF document attachment at the bottom of this newsletter.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2023

1st half Mon 4th Sept-Fri 20th Oct (7)
 (Closed Half Term Mon 23rd Oct-Fri 27th Oct)
 2nd half Mon 30th Oct- Fri 15th December (7)

Spring Term 2024

1st half Tues 2nd Jan-Fri 9th Feb (6)
CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY 1ST JANUARY
 (Closed Half term Mon 12th Feb-Fri 16th Feb)
 2nd half Monday 19th Feb- Thurs 28th March (6)
CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY 29th MARCH.

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.



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