



Newsletter Spring (2) March 2020

We have been really busy so far this term, with lots of learning taking place and some great weekly themes.

Changes

We hope you like the changes we have made with self-registration. We feel the children have learnt this very quickly and know where to find their tray throughout the day.

The new room set up is working well, children are using areas more, and becoming more independent in selecting resources and also taking responsibility for tidying resources to get more out. There is still a few bits to be tweaked/added like displays on trolleys, but on the whole we are happy with the new look.

Staffing

Kay goes on maternity leave this Friday (13th), and her baby will be here in just a few weeks now. Lucy will be acting supervisor in Kay's absence, and they have been working closely together in recent weeks to prepare for the transition. Megan has been a real asset to the team since joining us a month ago and the children will be pleased to see her in more often in Kay's absence. Leanne and Natalie will be around as usual too.

Sessions

If you wish to change hours after Easter or pick up additional hours please speak to Kay/Lucy as soon as possible as there are now some sessions that are currently full. With open morning on Thursday 26th March, and lots of new enquiries spaces may become limited.

Please can we ask that you arrive no earlier than 8.45/9.00 dependent on what time you are booked in from. The time in the mornings is vital for set up and it can affect our ratios.

Fundraising

The children all took part in the sponsored pancake flip, and we counted how many flips they achieved. Please can you try to bring in completed sponsor forms and sponsorship money by the end of this week, so we can finalise the total.

Clothing

We have really had some awful weather of late, but are hopeful spring may soon be upon us. Please remember to bring wellies, suitable outdoor clothing, and changes of clothes to every session. We do try and get outside as much as possible so appropriate clothing really helps. And spare clothes are always helpful not just for toilet accidents, but if we get wet or muddy outdoors, or spilt drinks at snack.



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Hygiene

As we are all aware by now, the Coronavirus outbreak is in the UK. The latest information can be found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus This includes the action plan from the government and the latest travel advice.

The Department of Education has launched a new helpline for staff and parents of young children, to answer queries you may have. The details are as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am-6pm Monday to Friday

As a setting we actively encourage handwashing with antibacterial soap after toileting, messy activities, wiping noses, and before eating. We will continue to do this and re-iterate the importance of 'catch it, bin it' with regards to sneezing, coughing, and nose wiping.

If you have any concerns please come and talk to a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your Ropley Preschool Staff Team

Kay, Lucy, Leanne, Natalie and Megan