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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our termly newsletter, I use this to keep you up to date with our news and forthcoming dates for your diary. I hope that you all had a half term break.

Please follow our new Facebook page: Five Wents Pre-School for regular updates and photos.

Covid 19

We will continue to follow and update you on any guidance given to us by the Department of Education. The most recent updates are:

New isolation guidance for children

The new guidance on respiratory infections, including COVID-19, ([Chapter 3: public health management of specific infectious diseases](#)) states:

"If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.

Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal."

New and updated UKHSA guidance for the general population, which will also be relevant to education and childcare settings, includes:

- [guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19](#)
- [living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)
- [ventilation of indoor spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk](#)

We thank you for your support last term.

A snapshot ...

Here are some photos of a few of the activities that the children were given the opportunity to explore and take part in last term:



Fizz Pop Science



We are extremely lucky to be welcoming Fizz Pop Science to pre-school. Our pre-school is part of a collaboration of Pre-Schools and we have secured some funding for each setting. We have decided to use this funding to provide some exciting and inspiring experiences for our children, this is the first. Other events will be planned on different days of the week in order for other children to be able to attend.

The session will be held on Friday 22nd April during the pre-school session and is only available for the children who usually attend on a Friday. The session will reveal the secret of white light when we see rainbows in the classroom. Play with special touchable bubbles and create your own bubbles with a fizzy chemical reaction!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee



We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 27th May (the last day of term 5). We would like to welcome your families to join us for an outdoor picnic 'street party' at 11am. More details to follow. Pre-School children to arrive at 9.15am as usual.

National Primary School Offer Day

At the start of next week, families of children starting school in September 2022, will be told which primary school you have been offered. Please let me know as soon as possible, as schools have already started contacting me to book in dates to visit the children that will be going there. By telling us which school your children are going to, we can ensure a smooth transition takes place.

Key workers and Next steps

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that you are welcome to chat to your child's key person at any point, just ask. It can either be at the beginning of sessions or on collection. Your child's key person uses your child's interests and curiosities to engage them, which in turn will ensure they learn and develop. In addition your child's key person will assist your child to meet their next steps. Any evidence of development towards their next steps, are safely stored in the children's folders, which you will receive when they leave us.

We will continue our focus weeks with children and we have been delighted with your response. Focus weeks provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and share celebrations and interests at home. Your child's key worker will then provide you with a detailed observation, across a week, and will indicate what they are currently working on with your child.

Tapestry

I hope that you will enjoy seeing the uploaded observations of your child's focus week. You may also see 'wow moment' observations, so maybe something we have never seen them do before, or of an activity towards their next steps or sometimes of a visitor/special event. If you see your child doing something new or that we do not see at pre-school, you are able to upload your own photos to share them with us. We can then use this evidence towards their next steps, during the early years the partnership between settings and parents is so important. If your link has expired or you require any support, please let me know.

Clothing

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your child/ren may get messy at Pre-School, so please do not send them in wearing anything special. We will be using the

outdoor area every day, regardless of the weather (unless too dangerous), so please provide your child with a **named** coat, hat and wellies (in a bag) during the winter months ***and a named sun hat and apply sun cream to them before they attend, in the summer months.***

Tuesday lunchtime

If your child stays for lunch on a Tuesday, we ask that you provide a **named lunchbox** and **named bottle of water**. We are a nut free setting, so please do not send your child in with food containing nuts/seeds or Nutella in sandwiches. We ask that your child has only water and that they have a healthy balanced lunch. We will leave any sweets given in their lunchbox to take home. If you choose to give your child grapes or sausages, please cut them horizontally and vertically. See the below link for more information:

[Safe Weaning | Choking | Start4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/child-feeding/feeding-children/safe-weaning-choking-prevention/)

Invoicing

If you have to pay fees for your child's sessions, you will be sent a monthly invoice. In accordance with our 'Terms and Conditions', fees are due monthly, in advance. You may pay via cash or bank transfer (please use your child's name as a reference). I email invoices in advance of each month. Please note, our invoicing software takes up to 4 days to show new payments, so you may get a reminder sent if you pay on the invoice due date. If you receive a reminder and have already paid, please ignore the invoice as it will update in a few days time, thank you.

From term 5 (April 2022) our fees will be as follows:

2 year olds:

£5 per hour = £15 per morning session

£12.50 per Tuesday afternoon session

3 and 4 year olds:

£4.50 per hour = £13.50 per morning session

£11.25 per Tuesday afternoon session

We have frozen our fees since August 2019, however due to the National Living Wage increasing again in April 2022, our fees now need to increase.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Our bank details are:

Five Wents Pre-School

Natwest

Account number: 51253755

Sort code: 60-21-10

Funding

All children are entitled to 15 hours of funding (Universal), from Kent County Council, the term after their third birthday. Some of you may also be eligible to access 30 hours of funding (Extended), which you can split this between providers. Please see the information below:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Funding can be claimed at 3 times during the year: September, January and April. If your child has turned 3 before the 1st April and is now eligible for funded hours, please complete and return the 3/4 year old funding form attached. If your child has previously claimed this funding, I will be asking you to sign your funding form again at the beginning of term.

| A child born between: | |
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| 1 April - 31 August (inclusive) | The start of term 1 following their third birthday (after summer holidays) until statutory school age. |
| 1 September - 31 December (inclusive) | The start of term 3 following their third birthday (after Christmas/New Year holiday) until statutory school age. |
| 1 January - 31 March (inclusive) | The start of term 5 following their third birthday (after April holiday) until statutory school age. |

Some families of 2 year olds may also be entitled to free early education; again this is based on your family circumstances. If you are eligible, please speak to me and give me your code (Please note, I have been advised by Kent county Council that you will need to show me your confirmation email). Attached to this is the '2 Year Old Parent Declaration', this will need to be completed and returned to me in order to claim your funded hours. Please visit here:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>

You can also pay in Childcare Vouchers from your employer, please email me asap so I can set up an account with the supplier your employer uses. For new users, this system is changing on 4th October 2018 to Tax-free childcare; I am also signed up to this scheme, please visit here for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/childcare-vouchers>

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

Voluntary Contribution

You will also receive a letter each half term asking you for a voluntary contribution towards consumables and activities. This includes, snacks, sand, mud and craft resources as well as a weekly Music and Movement session on a Tuesday with Simply Lizzie (Usually £3 per session) and a Tiny Tekkers session on a Friday with Concept 4 Football (Usually £3 per session).

The contribution that we suggest is:

£2 per week if your child does not attend on a Tuesday or Friday

£5 per week if your child attends 1-3 days, including either a Tuesday or a Friday

£8 per week if your child attends 4-5 days, including both Tuesday and Friday

This term is 5 weeks.

We really appreciate your support in this matter and it will enable us to provide a rich learning environment and give the children access to a wide variety of snacks and experiences. To pay your voluntary contribution, please use the bank details above and your child's initials and the word contribution, thank you.

Miss Lizzie from Simply Performers will be providing a Music and Movement session every Tuesday 11:30-12pm from September. The class will include nursery rhymes, songs and props which will not only improve your child's vocabulary, but also help develop their interaction, confidence and social skills. These sessions are high energy, fun and not to be missed...



You can visit the Facebook page: Concept4Football. Sessions will be Friday between 9.30 and 10.30am.



Below are our confirmed term dates for the academic year 2021-2022

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May – 5 weeks 3 days (excluding bank holiday on Monday 2nd May).

Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July – 7 weeks

Below are our confirmed term dates for the academic year 2022 – 2023

Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October – 7 weeks

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December – 7 weeks

Friday 6th January – Friday 10th February – 5 weeks 1 day

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March – 6 weeks

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May (excluding Monday 1st May for bank holiday) – 5 weeks 4 days

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July - 7 weeks

Late collections

I would like to take this opportunity to politely remind you to collect your children promptly at 12.15pm or 2.30pm on Tuesdays. We reserve the right to charge for each additional 15 minutes. If you are going to be late please phone and let us know.

If you are going away on a lovely holiday, please ask for a holiday form or email us.

If you would like to ask anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me or speak to a member of staff.

All updated policies and procedures, including our Privacy Notice, can be found on our website www.fivewentspreschool.co.uk or you can find us on Facebook Five Wents Pre-School.

Many thanks,

Sasha and the Five Wents Pre-School Team