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**Newsletter 18**, January 2022

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.

As you know, the end of last term did not quite go the way that we had all planned. However, the staff that were able to work showed how amazing they were by making the last week magical for those children still attending. I am sure that you would join me in saying a massive well done and thank you to them.

We are planning on going ahead with recording the Nativity as planned. However, the children will need time to rehearse again, so it will probably be towards the end of January. I will let you know a date asap.

As you know, we had our Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, I am still waiting for their report to be published. I will email you with the link to the report, when I receive it.

### **Covid 19**

We will continue with the same procedures that were in place last term. If your child develops any symptoms, we will ask you to either isolate them for 10 days or that they have a negative PCR before they can return.

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:



### **Key workers and Next steps**

At the end of last term, Vicki left us to start a new exciting role supporting children with additional needs, we wish her all the best in the future. If Vicki was your child's key person, you will have already been informed of who their new key person will be, or we will let you know in the first week back. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are unsure.

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, I have attached a poster with some ideas. 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## **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). Fees are £12 per morning session and £10 per Tuesday afternoon session. I email invoices in advance of each month.

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 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.

<b>A child born between:</b>	
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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

### **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**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 5 weeks 3 days

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 5 weeks 2 days

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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