



# February 2022 Newsletter

## Welcomes

A warm welcome to our new starters Charlie and Jake. We are looking forward to some exciting fun filled days with you! To Sylvie, Rudy and Joshua also, due to start Preschool in the coming weeks.

## Dates for your diary

**Spring Half Term ends on Friday 18th February and return Monday 28th February 2022.**

Spring Term ends Friday 8th April for the Easter break, back Tuesday 26th April 2022.

May Day Bank Holiday weekend 30th April – 2nd May, back Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

For the full list of term dates please see our website [www.suttonpreschool.com](http://www.suttonpreschool.com)

**Easter Raffle** This will be our next fundraiser for Preschool and your support is much appreciated.

Donations list at Preschool and please purchase raffle numbers at £1 each. Thanks

**Preschool Easter party on Thursday 7th April.** ALL children are invited. Please let Debbie/Del know if you would like your child to attend this as a swap or additional session, half or full day.

This fun filled party day will include an egg hunt and drawing the easter raffle winners.

**Bags2School** next collection for this fundraiser will be Friday 8th April.

They have run out of the usual bags for this and so ask if you could just use bin bags please.

**Toddlers on a Friday 9:30-11am**, drop-in sessions so no need to book. It is £2 per child and £1 for siblings. This is a nice transition session for children due to start Preschool.

**Fee and Session notice** Thank-you to all for the smooth transition in adopting our slightly different session timings.

We have a late collection policy with a fixed charge of £10 per up to 30minutes late collection of a child. We do not often enforce this unless the lateness impacts our staff, staff costs and or hall hire.

Next years Transition Group will start September 2022, enabling Monday full day sessions for children starting school in September 2023.

**'Planning for Your Child's Interests & Needs'** Attached, with this newsletter is a 1page form 'Planning for



your Child's Interests & Needs' to complete with or for your child. Please take the time to print and fill it in if you haven't completed one recently.

There is no deadline for this to be returned, other than time flies fast when we're having fun at Preschool.

## **General information**

If you need to contact Preschool:

Landline number is 01347 811 741. (Preschool hours only)

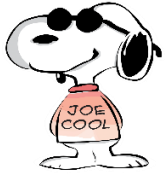
Email: [suttonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:suttonpreschool@gmail.com) (Camilla, Debbie & Delphine)

Mobile number is 07957 331 110 (Calls signal permitting, WhatsApp and private messaging)

You're welcome to chat at preschool, please feel free to ask for a private chat in setting at any time

Our apologies that we have not been active on WhatsApp recently, we are in the process of switching phones to a newer model. WhatsApp will be up and running soon. Staff personal phones will not be linked with the group, instead all staff will interact via the preschools mobile number. If you need to contact us during Preschool hours about absences, illness, or anything else please use the above contacts. Bear in mind the landline is the most direct contact, as we are not regularly checking the mobile during busy working hours.

Out of hours, please use the Preschool mobile number or email only if you need to urgently contact us.



Please remember, preschool is a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Steph has a severe nut allergy so please avoid sending nuts or nut products in your child's pack up.

We continue letters of the week. The children become more familiar with the different letter sounds and start to link these to first letter sounds such as P for Preschool. Hearing letter sounds correctly underpins good future language and spelling skills.

The children at Preschool have been having great fun with Delphine, learning new yoga moves along with Cosmic Yoga videos, they have had some lovely music sessions, enjoyed descriptive sound & language games and are exploring creating stories, encouraging expressive language and mark making. Outside with Steph, the children have been weeding the garden, exploring, spotting and drawing birds, making mud slopes and trying to dig the 'biggest hole in the world in the mud pit. With Debbie the children have enjoyed playing shops, counting the buns, celebrating Chinese New Year including tastes, sounds, lucky envelopes and the story behind the celebration. Millie and the children spent time constructing farms. The buildings, animals, fields, feeding and watering all needed organising! Thank goodness we have so many farm hands to help! Millie has also encouraged the children to explore, research and create habitats. The children enjoy looking at and seeing a wide range of creatures from all around the worlds land and oceans via books and videos. We have created an Eco Club, primarily with the transition group, though the activities are for all to enjoy. Our Eco Club will discuss, devise, create and share fun activities that will benefit us and our habitats!



Our British weather is wonderfully unpredictable and the children enjoy every bit of it. So, with this in mind, **please bring a coat for cold or rainy days**. Spare clothes so they can enjoy waterplay without worry. We have a supply of wellies, but children may like to bring their own, named is always helpful thanks.



**Water bottles** should contain **water only**. This is so we can encourage good and regular hydration all day without impacting on oral health. Please speak to us if you need to as regards this. Juice is accepted at lunch time but not encouraged.

**COVID-19** Our priority is to deliver high quality and enriching childcare in a safe environment. As we adjust to life with covid-19, our routine measures of control include healthy habits that maintain the cleanliness of our environment to enable good infection control. Ventilation and fresh air circulation are a high priority. With windows and/or doors being kept open, we must also manage temperature. A cool environment is generally no issue for busy and active children however, as the weather is still quite cold, please send an extra layer or two of clothing in your child's bag.

**General Health & Fitness**. It is that time of year when colds, flu viruses, and sickness bugs are circulating. It is important that you do not send your child to preschool if they are unwell.

### **Fundraising**

Thank-you for all your support with fundraising.

When booking holidays and weekend breaks, buying insurance or white goods, if you shop via **easyfundraising.org.uk** you can also support Sutton on the Forest Preschool and Toddlers.



STIKINS school fundraising number: **35445**



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## Sutton-on-the Forest-Preschool And Toddlers

**2019 Ofsted Rating: 'Good' with Outstanding Personal development, behaviour and welfare**

	AM	LUNCH	PM
Monday	8:30-11:45 (£15.44)	11:45-12:45 (£4.75)	<i>12:45-4pm School transition session only From January 2022</i>
Tuesday	8:30-11:45	11:45-12:45	12:45-4pm (£15.44)
Wednesday	8:30-11:45	11:45-12:45	12:45-4pm
Thursday	8:30-11:45	11:45-12:45	12:45-4pm
Friday	8:30-11:45	11:45-12:45	CLOSED

**Timings and rates effective from January 2022.**

Preschool £4.75 per hour (£35.63 per day)

Preparing children for all local primary schools.

Friday 9:30-11am parent & toddlers 'drop in', £2 plus £1 for each additional child

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