



## January Newsletter 2024

Welcome to all our new preschool families. The children have settled brilliantly over the last few weeks and have fitted into our preschool routine. Thank you to our older children and families for making everyone feel so welcome.

**THIS TERM:** We have had a busy few weeks since the start of term, with plenty more to come. The children will start making crafts and cards for Valentine's day, we will be making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and learning about Ash Wednesday, which is the start of Lent. We will also be learning about the Chinese New Year and this year's Year of the Dragon. Our Thursday morning baking and cooking sessions are very popular with the children and we will continue with this for the term.

**A SPECIAL VISIT:** On the 14<sup>th</sup> February we have an exciting visit from the Police Force! We are very lucky to have one of our preschool parents joining us at 11am to talk to the children about the police and do some activities with them.

**FOREST SCHOOL:** We use the Forest School site on a Monday morning despite the freezing temperatures. Please continue to ensure that your child arrives wrapped up nice and warm on arrival, so we can head straight out.

**TRIPS:** After the success of our trip to the library last term, we have our thinking caps on for another preschool outing. If you have any suggestions or would be able to assist with organising this, please talk to a member of staff.

**REMINDERS:** Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for preschool each day. Warm coats, hat and wellies are essential for the garden at this time of year. However, we would like to reassure you that our preschool room is heated and on non-Forest School days, if children have too many layers on they can get very warm when busy playing inside.

Please clearly label ALL items belonging to your child, including bags, hats, coats and spare clothes. It is also helpful to provide a bag for wet/soiled clothes, and baby wipes if your child often has toileting accidents.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2PM - Parent drop-in session and last day of this half term. Parents are invited to join us from 2-3PM for some Valentine's themed activities.

**EXCITING NEWS!** Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to let you in on some brilliant news. Our lovely Sadie is expecting her first baby in July. We are sure you will join all of our preschool family in wishing Sadie all the best during this very exciting time.

Thank you for your continued support,

Preschool Team