



Pre-school Newsletter

Spring term February 2022

We have been very busy at Pre-school this first half of the spring term.

We have been celebrating Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. We spoke about what makes us happy and how we can be kind, for mental health week. The children have also been learning about the artist Matisse, who draws with scissors, this is a great way to encourage scissor control with the children.

Show and tell: We have seen more children bringing in toys/special items from home recently. We have decided to embrace this by allowing children to bring something in if they wish to and they will be given the opportunity to show their peers at the mornings circle time, where afterwards it will be put into a special box to keep safe and kept in the office until the end of the day.

Earrings: A polite reminder that earrings are not to be worn at pre-school. The children crawl, jump and run and can easily catch them.

TAPESTRY: Everybody should now be able to activate their tapestry account. If you are having trouble with this, please do get in touch and we can resend the activation link. Your child's play partner will endeavour to put on one observation of what your child has been interested in per week but please be assured that they are mentally observing and assessing continually. I'm sure you would agree that it is far more fun and beneficial for your child's development for them to have their play partner engaging with them and their play rather than taking photos on an iPad.

Pick up arrangements and Learning conversations: As you are aware, parents now come down to collect their children at the end of the Pre-school day, we hope you are finding this easier and agree it's a good opportunity to speak to a member of the team if you wish to. Please can we remind you to come down the ramp not the steps and to leave the same way, your cooperation is much appreciated. In the weeks after half term, there will be invitations for learning conversations, which is an opportunity for you to speak with your child's play partner via google meet. This is a perfect opportunity to discuss your child's development with their play partner.

There are a few dates for your diary: We have a PD day on Friday 18th February 2022, so Pre-school will be closed to the children. Half term is Monday 21st February-Friday 25th February 2022, again Pre-school will be closed.

We wish you all a very happy and healthy half term and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 28th February.

Sharron and the Pre-school team