



Collaton St. Mary Pre-school



Newsletter January 2021

A belated welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We would like to thank you for the cards and gifts that were given to us at the end of term, they were very much appreciated.

We were due to have six new children starting with us this term, not all have started, as some have chosen to wait a few weeks, however we would like to welcome them and their families; we hope that they will very quickly feel part of our group.

The last three weeks seem to have flown by and we have already begun lots of activities planned for this half term based around a theme of 'The Weather'. We hope to be getting outside as much as possible, weather permitting and have already had fun looking at the ice on the pond and watching it melt.

Encouraged by receiving our Level 1 Gardening award from the Royal Horticultural Society we have decided on the things we would like to grow this year and have already ordered our seeds. As there is also a country wide tree planting planned for this year, the children decided it would be nice to plant both an apple and plum tree at Pre-School.

Despite the current challenges we are looking forward to this term and working together to make it as normal as possible.



Invoices

Invoices will be given out this week
25th – 29th January.

Payment please by 5th February unless paying weekly or monthly by prior arrangement.

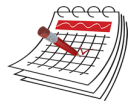
Any queries please see Jayne.

Indoor clothing

As you are aware we are encouraged at all times to keep all areas well ventilated to help prevent the spread of the COVID virus, so it is important that your child comes wearing plenty of layers, including a vest. We ensure that we maintain the required temperature but, we are in an old building which can be draughty when the windows are even partially open.



Dates for your diary



Fee paying week

1st – 5th February

Half Term

15th – 19st February (inclusive)

End of Term

Thursday 1st April

Wellies

We will be trying to go outside whenever possible so please can you check that your child has some wellies for them to wear when they are with us. For those children who already have wellies with us, can you please check they still fit.



Can you also ensure that your child's wellies, as well as their other outdoor clothing, are clearly labelled with their name.

Intergenerational visits

Sadly it is nearly a year now since we have been able to take a group of our older children to meet weekly with some of the residents at Whitley Court. This was always popular with both the children and the residents. We have remained in contact with those who we saw regularly and are pleased that all are well and we were happy to take them some handmade cards and biscuits before Christmas. We hope to be able to resume some contact be it at a distance.



Bags

Just a reminder to bring your child's lunch and spare clothes in a bag that we are able to spray and wipe down before bringing into the building, so the simplest bag is the best. Can you also ensure they are labelled or have a name tag on them.

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collatonstmarypreschool.co.uk