

Welcome back and we all hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and we wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.

This term we have started off by supporting the children to settle back into our Pre School rules and routines. For some this has been quite challenging due to the Christmas break and all the illnesses and absences we all faced last term. Unfortunately, on our return, we have already been notified by Public Health England that a lot of illnesses are on the rise again such as Flu, COVID, Scarlet Fever, Impetigo, Chicken Pox and Strep A. A lot of these illnesses can be prevented with simple tasks such as hand washing and drying and a well-ventilated room. Our main aim this term is to promote good personal hygiene. Can we please ask that you also promote this at home? We also politely ask that you keep your Child at home if they are unwell, especially with a high temperature, continuously coughing and sneezing and a severe runny nose. If you feel they need Calpol or similar to get through the session, then they are not well enough to be sent in. This helps to keep Pre School a safe environment and continue to remain open and prevent both Children and staff absences.

During Term 3 we will be thinking about our feelings and the feelings of others. We plan to promote this in session by using our feelings board, circle time and role modelling as we all play and learn.

We have been able to purchase a new lunch box trolley which will be accessible to you at the beginning of the session to put your child's lunch box onto. Next to this you will see a blue box for their healthy snack box. Please may we ask that you provide a separate box for your child's snack/s and clearly label this with their name. This enables us to teach Children self-organisational skills and promote the importance of a healthy snack. We have previously found that when they have their snack included in with their lunch it provides them with too much choice and the healthy snacks are not as appealing to them. Can we please remind you to only put water into their water bottles? Fruit juice is OK for lunch time only.

A polite reminder. On arrival can you please wait for a member of staff to let you in. The reasons being, we may need to clear away from breakfast club, or not all staff have arrived or we may need a brief staff meeting. We appreciate that some mornings the weather is terrible, we do aim to try and get you in as soon as possible on such a morning. Thank you.

Important Dates.

Valentine Ceilidh Dance, Saturday 11th February.



Term 3 finishes Friday 10th February, we return for Term 4 Monday 20th February.

