



Newsletter December 2022

Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good! Good!

Following on from our recent Ofsted Inspection we are very proud to have maintained our “Good Rating”

We wanted to share some of the comments received during the inspection

- Children are happy and settled
- They demonstrate a strong sense of belonging
- Staff engage with children well overall
- Children are supported in developing their independence skills very well
- Children’s health and well-being are well maintained and supported
- Children demonstrate a friendly behaviour and show that they can work cooperatively with each other
- Children are supported well overall in their communication and language
- Staff comment that they love working at the pre-school and that they are part of a great team

If you wanted to discuss any points please do let Kelli know.



Thank you for all your kind donations; we were overwhelmed by how many hampers we were able to make for the raffle.

Raffle tickets will be on sale until 9am on Friday 16th December - so far, we have raised £85.

The Raffle will be drawn at lunchtime Friday 16th December. Winning numbers will be posted Tapestry and on our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone that has attended our Christmas Craft Mornings.

Committee

Thank you to all that attended this year's AGM meeting and helped to vote in our new Committee members. The AGM is an opportunity for all of our parents to learn about the Preschools successes/challenges that have been faced throughout the year and what our plans are going forward.

Without a Committee, the preschool is unable to run and we welcome our new committee members

Natasha Southwell - Chair
Joellie Gregory – Treasurer
Holly Masters – Committee Secretary
Raegan Bailey – Committee Member
Simone Nel – Committee Member
Nicole Ching – Committee Member
Tracey Robey – Committee Member



**Greet your child
with a smile
and
not a mobile!**

Things to remember

If your child is showing any symptoms such as temperature, upset tummy or generally feeling unwell and you feel that they may need calpol or other medication please do not send them into preschool. If your child requires any form of medication at home can you please ensure you update us even if this is a short course of antibiotics.

Please don't forget to inform us if anyone else is going to be picking your child up from pre-school. We will require a password.

Parent Parking: unless you have permission from St Mark's, please can we ask that you do not park in the school car park.

Please remember to label children's coats, jumpers, wellies, lunch bags, drink bottles etc.

Spare Clothes

Where possible please provide a change of clothes if you know your child is likely to require them. If anyone has any spare socks/waterproof trousers that your child has grown out of we would be most grateful. As the weather is changing please remember to bring in a coat/waterproofs and wellies. The children enjoy water play so tend to get a little wet.



Don't risk it, Quarter it

Focus Child

Each child is a focus child for a whole week every half term, You will receive a focus sheet when it is your child's week so please complete & return the sheet or add information to Tapestry.



Friday 16th December – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 3rd January – Closed – Training

Wednesday 4th January – First Day of Term

Monday 13th February – Half Term

Friday 17th February – End of Half Term

Lunch Time

We are noticing an increase in our “sometimes food” in lunch boxes. We encourage healthy eating patterns from an early age, our recommendation is for no more than 3 items, for example, a small sandwich, a yoghurt and some fruit to be in their boxes.

We do not permit nuts due to allergies. No peanut butter or chocolate spread containing hazelnuts in lunchboxes and please ensure all snack bars are nut free.

Please ensure that if you are using seeded bread for your child’s sandwiches that it does not contain sesame.

We also request that no raw or cooked egg should be included in your child’s lunch box. We do appreciate that this can be difficult particularly in cakes and biscuits therefore if your child’s lunch box does contain items with cooked egg in please notify us,



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Our Facebook page is back up and running. This is a private group for parents of the children attending Dandelions.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1158067937547622>

Dandelions community pre-school

Thank you for all the lovely gifts that the staff have received.

We Wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in January.

