



Newsletter February 2022

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, if after reading it you have any further questions, please email preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk and we will do our best to answer.

Illness

We know that as people get moving and mixing more that more children are becoming poorly with all sorts of coughs and colds. A reminder that if your child has any Covid-19 symptoms then they should have a PCR test, not a lateral flow. But, even if your child tests negative for Covid-19 they should not attend the setting if they are poorly, it is not nice for them to be in a busy environment when they don't feel 100% and they can easily pass the illnesses to the other children and adults. It is not just Covid-19 that people don't want, it is all the other nasties too.

Thank you for your support in keeping us all healthy.

We are following the latest government guidance for Covid-19 which can be found on the webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/actions-for-early-years-and-childcare-providers-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

We understand the rules, however if a member of your household does have coronavirus, we would urge you to consider keeping your child at home even after a negative PCR test as we are a small group who do not socially distance and with vulnerable members. I am sure you appreciate we would all be at high risk of spreading this nasty illness if it were to get in so to keep each other as safe as possible please take extra precautions where possible.

Family photo request

Thank you to those of you who have now sent in your family photo – I am pleased to say that we now have seven family photo's on our board. If you have not yet done so, please can you bring in a family photo for us to display on the family board – it is so nice for the children to have them on show and be able to look at them, show their friends and talk about their family.

Lambs!!

On Saturday the 5th of February 2022 we had a fantastic event at the Gowling farm., Thank you so much to Louise and Did Gowling for organising and hosting such a wonderful event, for those who didn't make it this time here are some photos to tempt you next time....



Price increase

From April 2022 the rates will increase to:

£18.00 for a 3 hour session (morning or afternoon)

£3.00 for lunch club

Parent meetings

We are planning to host our annual parent's meetings after Easter, each parent will be allocated a date and time when you can sit down and talk with your child's key worker. As always, if you do want an ad hoc meeting at any time to discuss anything about your child then please let us know. Meetings with your key worker or Sam are always available if you want one.

Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 18th March, children are encouraged to come in dressed up as a hero – it could be Spiderman, Superwoman or anyone you think is a hero – maybe your own Mum or Dad! Anything goes, we have lots of dressing up outfits at Stepping Stones so please let us know if you would like to borrow one – no need to go out buying. We will be doing a collection for the Comic Relief charity and a donation of £1 is recommended. We will be using the opportunity to teach the children that there are people who are not as fortunate as us.

Social event

We are hoping to plan another social event for parents, carers and staff in March, we will update you with details soon.....

Tapestry

We hope that you all log into Tapestry sometimes and look at the observations the team have sent. Please do send your comments back to the team, it is really nice to get feedback, even as simple as a "like" helps us know that we are getting it right. You are also able to upload photos and text and we would love to see / hear what your child is up to at home, if they are enjoying a new toy or a trip out please do share your photos with us too. Thank you

The team are currently in the process of writing reports for all children, they will be available on Tapestry by the 4th March, we would be grateful if you can read and then comment and sign the report online. As always if you want to discuss the report with your key worker, please let us know and we will organise that. Thank you

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 3rd March - to enable us to do it properly we will not be going out to Forest school on this day. Children are encouraged to bring their favourite book plus a prop to preschool – it may be "Sam the Sheep" with a cuddly sheep or "Room on the Broom" with a broom! As always, get your child involved in making the choice – anything goes...

We will be closing this Friday for half term, we hope you have a great break and we will be back open on Tuesday 22nd February. Have fun!

Term dates

Spring term first half	Wednesday 5th Jan – Friday 11th Feb 2022
Half term break	Monday 14th Feb - Monday 21st Feb 2022
Spring term second half	Tuesday 22nd Feb - Friday 1st April
Term break	Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April
Summer term first half	Tuesday 19th April – Thursday 26th May
Half term break	Friday 27th May – Friday 3rd June
Summer term second half	Monday 6th June – Thursday 21st July*

***please note the change of date as we will now be closed on Friday 22nd due to the additional day allocated to schools for the Queens Platinum Jubilee**

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