

January 2025 Newsletter

We would like to welcome back our existing families and welcome our new families to Newdigate Pre-school. We hope you had a restful holiday, ready for a bright new year.

New topic: All about me

In line with our new topic, "All about me", it would be great if you could send us some family pictures (by hand or email) so that we can complete our photo album and give the children an opportunity to look at and talk about their families.

We will discuss children's likes and dislikes and healthy habits including food, rest, exercise, dentist visits to maintain a healthy body and healthy mind. Throughout the term we will also cover Chinese New Year and Winter time.



We will continue to choose a daily helper to develop children's self-help skills and independence - they will help clear snack, be the line leader to guide the children and help their friends in need. Alongside our positive behaviour chart, we will also give out the Superstar box to encourage positive behaviour, positive attitude and celebrate individual achievement. The children will be given a certificate to take home stating why it was awarded and they will be allowed to bring a special item/toy from home to show their friends at registration time.

Forest school

We will be resuming our Forest school sessions, weather permitting and will let you know the dates. We will provide wellies and overalls but please make sure your child wears weather appropriate clothing.



Snack, Nappy sacks and baby wipes

We would be appreciative if you could donate wipes and nappy sacks from time to time, nappies if your child is using them and contribute a daily healthy snack so that we can offer a variety of morning and afternoon snacks to all the children - fruit, vegetables, raisins, breadsticks and occasionally biscuits. Please do not bring Kiwi fruits and products containing nuts due to severe allergies at Pre-school and remember to update your child's diet requirements, if any.

Clothing and belongings

Could we please remind everyone to label your child's clothing and belongings to avoid confusion and loss.

Pre-school fees and Funded forms

The invoices will be issued shortly so if you are thinking of changing your child's sessions, please speak to us as soon as possible unless you have already done so. Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. The funded forms will be sent next week and must be completed at the beginning of each term as per the legal requirements. Please complete the appropriate sections and sign accordingly before returning it to Pre-school by **16th January 2025**.

Reception Admission 2024/2025

The national deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2025 is Wednesday 15th January. Information about how to apply for a school place can be found on the Surrey County Council website.

Two Year olds - Early Years Review and Health Review

When your child reaches two years of age, you will be offered an Early Years Review if they attend an Ofsted registered childcare (e.g. a nursery, pre-school or childminder). At 27 months of age, your child will be offered a Health Review and you will also receive two ages- and-stages questionnaires in the post. Pre-school will carry out a two-year assessment which should be kept in your child's personal child health record "Red Book" and will be reviewed by the health professional during your child's Health Review. Can we please ask you forward a copy of the reviews when you receive them.

Fundraising

Pre-school and the Infant school raised £111.50 for Save the children. We would like to thank you for your contribution. We would also like to thank FONSAP for organising the Christmas fair - more information to follow.

Questionnaire

A questionnaire will be sent home in your child's bookbag. Your opinions are important to us and we would appreciate if you could take a few minutes of your time to complete it and return it to us.

Parental Support

Mole Valley Family Center is working in partnership with Home start East Surrey on emerging needs group work, current highlights include 10 week Parenting Puzzle course and 5 week Speech and Language Stay and play group. More information can be found on their website.

Important Diary dates

Spring Term	
Start of Spring term	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half term	17 th -21 st February 2025
Mother's day celebration	Wednesday 26th March 2025
Easter Bonnet parade/ Last day of term	Friday 4 th April 2025
Summer Term	
Start of Summer term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Half term	26 th - 30 th May 2025
Father's day celebration	Wednesday 11th June 2025
Sports day	Wednesday 25th June 2025
Graduation Ceremony (Squirrels only)	Wednesday 9th July 2025
Last day of term	Friday 19 th July 2025

Thank you for your continuous support

Newdigate Pre-School Team

Mrs Strudley, Miss Clark, Mrs Walsh, Miss Sumner