

Welcome back to Preschool

February-April 2020

Hello everyone and welcome back to preschool, hope you all had a lovely half term.

Some helpful information.

- **Notices**-Any notices about events in the setting are posted on the noticeboard in the entrance area. They are usually on the website too: www.scortonvillagepre-school.co.uk. On occasions other info will be found on notices on the doors of the setting. (We try all ways to ensure you don't miss anything!) Ofsted contact number is on the noticeboard in the entrance area.
- **OFSTED**-Contact number - 03001231231
- **Planning**-Planning can be found on the door and in the white box shelving. There are ideas about how you can support learning here too. On the white box shelving in the entrance you will find some paper copies and sticky notelets for you to use to write anything that your child is particularly interested in at the moment. We can then incorporate this into our plans. Children always enjoy bringing resources home please let your keyperson if you would like to borrow any resources to further your child's learning.
- **Stay and play** Everyone, including mums, dads, grannies, grandpas and carers/childminders are welcome to join us for our 'stay and play' sessions. Please speak to your keyperson if you would like to join us for a session.
- **Keyperson** Please remember if you want to speak to your key person let her know. If she can't chat there and then she will make a time that suits you both. Usually she will be available at the start and end of the sessions. It is very important that you share any information that will help ensure your child is happy and content in the setting.
- **Policies and procedures** Just a reminder that all our Policies and Procedures are available from a link on our website. All parents sign to say that you have looked at them when completing each child's registration form. They underpin everything in the setting and are very important documents. All policies and procedures have been reformatted please take some time to have a look at them. As the terms move on you may want to refer back to them. The staff will be happy to advise you which policy may answer a question you have. Clear policies are in place with regard to health and safety, safeguarding children, equal opportunities and meeting individual needs/ SEND policy. Our SEND local offer is also on the website detailing how we can offer each child the individual care and how we will meet these needs. There is a paper copy on the noticeboard. Let your keyperson know if you would like to borrow it. Every half term we have a 'policy of the month' for you to revisit.

Policy of the month- Children's health and hygiene - please re visit the policy. Any questions just ask.

Please note Rebecca Monaghan is now the Health and Well-being representative any questions please feel free to speak to her.

Staff training- January-February

Bev attended a SENCO course

Andrea and Becky continue to do leadership courses

Everyday Please can you remember to name all bags and lunch boxes. Your child will have his/her own peg for a coat etc. However, we are limited for space as this part of the building is not ours alone! Don't forget pre-school provides gloves/hats, coats wellies and waterproofs for outside play. It is very important we have up to date contact details please see a member of staff if you need to make any changes. We have lovely neighbours and respect the fact that they need access to their driveways/homes etc at all times.

- **NYCC information** Applications for school places should have been submitted, if you require any more info please ring: 01609 533679.

- **SAFEGUARDING**-Please **DO NOT** private messaging/use social media to contact staff through their own private accounts. Our email address is scortonpreschool1@live.co.uk. We can be contacted through the holiday periods by email. We also have a Facebook page (Scorton village pre-school) that you can private message, please like and share our posts. Everyone should have signed a form to agree to your child been on Facebook no faces will be shown! Please speak to your keyperson for any more information.

- **LEARNING JOURNALS**-we hope you enjoyed looking through your child's learning booklet through the holidays (don't forget you can also add photos/comments to the book.) Please return it as soon as possible and we can start recording observations in the book. Journals are sent home most half terms however please mention to your keyperson if you want it at any other time, we know visiting grandparents love to see them!

The children continue to be interested in 'PEOPLE WHO HELP US' (see planning for more information,) if you or someone you know would be interested in coming in and talking to the children about a profession they do please let a member of staff know (farmer, hairdresser, doctor, gym instructor etc, or any cooks who would like to come and help do some baking!) we would love to welcome you in our setting.

REMINDER Our safeguarding policy states NO mobile phones to be used within the setting, please see the sign on the door for more information.

EXCITING NEWS- After a very successful introduction to French last year we are delighted to say that 'Lingotots' will be back with us until April. If your child doesn't normally attend on Wednesday you would have received an invite, please let a member of staff know if you haven't received one.

Our new opening hours are 8am-5pm and are going really well. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to book your child in for any extra sessions/hours. Where possible due to staff/children ratios we ask for 24hour notice for any extra sessions/hours.

I really hope I have covered everything! The most important thing is that you as parents are confident that your child is safe and happy! Please don't hesitate to ask if you want any more information or just a general chat. As you know our preschool is committee run. This means parents are involved in making decisions about what happens in the setting. It is your preschool! If you would like to join the committee please chat with Andrea or your key person. You can contact our Chairperson at: michelletait749@btinternet.com