



# Newsletter

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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some special time with family and friends.

As we begin the second week of the new term, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our children and families. A special welcome goes to the 14 new families who have joined our Preschool – we are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you. We have introduced a combined whole school & Preschool newsletter and this will continue moving forward.



This term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities and events, and we can't wait to share them with you. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a happy and thriving place for every child.

**Mrs C Skingsley**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for your Diary

### **January**

15th M&M Cinderella Theatre visit

20<sup>th</sup> Whole school class photos

22nd Art Club starts 3.10pm—4pm

### **February**

3rd Science Workshop Year 2

4th Year 4 Whipsnade Zoo Trip

13th "Shine Bright" Mental Health & Well Being Charity – wear something bright with your uniform.

**16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM**

23rd -27th Parent Consultation Week

25th Evening Parent Consultation 6-8pm

### **March**

2nd –5th Year 6 Practice SATs

5th World Book Day

10th Year 2 Fire Service visit

10th 2.30pm Parental Engagement Science Afternoon

9th – 13th Science Week

11th Year 2 Fire Service visit

12th 2-3pm Mother's Day Activity Afternoon – whole school

18th Book Fair arrives

20th Comic Relief Red Nose Day

25th Maths Afternoon for Parents/carers 2.20-2.50pm

27th Sponsored spell information & spellings out

**END OF TERM**

## Value of the Month

Each month we will be promoting and encouraging the children to understand and use this value through various activities.

January Understanding

February Thoughtfulness

March Honesty

## Staff News

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Jessica's twins Alice and Ivy who entered the world just before Christmas!

## School Dinners

The price of School dinners are £2.60 per day per child.

## Health & Safety

If your contact details change please make sure you advise us of them.

The use of personal mobile phones within the school premises is prohibited.

## All parents/carers but particularly new families:

Please remember to create a Honeysuckle account, and create your Parent Pay account when you receive your activation code.

Additionally for our Preschool families please keep an eye on your email accounts for your invite from Tapestry to open your child's account (this will come directly from Tapestry and may go into your junk).

### **Parking Reminder**

Please can we inform all new parents and remind all others of the parking issues we have here at school. Please be aware that the car park at the rear of the school is for staff only.

Parking around our school entrances at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem to all concerned, especially local residents and unfortunately we regularly receive telephone calls from distressed residents who have had altercations with drivers who have blocked their driveway or used private parking bays while dropping off or collecting children from our school.

**All our local residents have been advised by the police to report to them registration numbers of any vehicles parking inconsiderately, and any verbal abuse or threatening behaviour they receive from vehicle owners.**

We also need to remind you that the lane between the school and the Holy Cross Church on Goldington Road should not be used for parents parking. This is a private lane for residents only. Also that the Holy Cross Church car park is a private car park and must under no circumstances be used by our parents.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Tesco are happy for parents to use their car park at these times and it is only a very short walk to school from there. Please be aware though, that parking is only permitted in the customer car park and **not** the area used by Tesco delivery lorries and only to park in disabled spaces if you have a disabled

**UNIFORM:** All children are expected to be in uniform at all times. **Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. Jewellery & makeup should NOT be worn.**

### **Preschool Reminders**

**PAYMENTS:** Please ensure you have made a payment for your child's attendance if you are due to do so. Please note the NEW BANK DETAILS

**FUNDING FORMS:** Please remember to return your funding forms promptly.

**CLOTHING:** Please ensure that spare clothing/pull ups etc. are in a suitable sized bag—this can be left at preschool. Please can all spare uniform that has gone home be returned.

### **Themes: Let's Explore!**

Week 1	5 Jan	Winter
Week 2	12 Jan	
Week 3	19 Jan	Explore: Inside and Out
Week 4	26 Jan	
Week 5	2 Feb	Forces - Push/Pull floating/sinking
Week 6	9 Feb	Where I live and other countries

### **Show and Tell**

Please encourage your child to bring in an item relevant to the theme, limited to once per week.

### **Child Protection**

In line with child protection advice, we are required to record any injuries a child may have on arrival at Pre School. A form must be filled out and signed by the person leaving the child.

### **Welly Parks**

Please bring in a pair of clearly named wellies to leave at preschool for outdoor play.

### **Healthy Under 5's**

We follow a Healthy Eating Policy with regards to packed lunches. We aim for children to have a healthy and balanced lunch-box if they bring a packed lunch. Any products where chocolate constitutes as the main ingredient are not compatible with this ethos and will therefore be removed whilst your child eats, being returned to you later. If you would like leaflets suggesting healthy alternatives please speak to a member of staff. Also, remember that under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are nuts or any nut product permitted in school.