

## Newsletter – February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are enjoying the half term.

What a challenging 6 weeks it has been, and I am sure you will agree that all my staff have done a brilliant job along with yourselves for keeping us COVID free. Thank you all for following our rules and sticking to the Parental Agreements that you have signed, its much appreciated. We do apologise if children have gone home with the wrong cup/jumper etc. but, although we have been in ratio, we are 2 members of staff down and when changing shoes and taking off coats, hats, and scarfs, it can be difficult, so we apologise. Parents and Children that are home-schooling, well done to all of you. We cannot wait to have you all back and see all the lovely work you have been doing so keep sending in the pictures and videos.

We are returning to 5 days a week so all your hours will go back to normal unless I have told you otherwise. Your child will come home with a date and time in their little books on the first week back. This is for their Progress Check and you will receive a phone call to discuss this on the time we have given you. This is where all your child's development is gathered together and they are put into age bands that they are working along. This usually happens within the group when you get to see their folders but, unfortunately due to the circumstances at this time, it will just be a phone call to go through a few things with your child's keyworker or buddy.

Could I remind you to label all your child's clothes, and also bags that you are bringing in with extra clothes. For children returning, don't forget to bring their bags back to leave on their pegs. For the children that start at 12:00 midday and have lunch with us, could you please make sure that your child doesn't eat before they arrive. The children have to sit up as a group at lunch time and if they have eaten already, they don't want to sit there. It is important that they sit as a group for their learning and impacts on the other children. We ask for 1 piece of fruit per week and their cup needs to be in a sandwich bag, please separate this from their lunch.

The Topic for this term is Spontaneous. We will cover Chinese New Year, Mother's Day, and Easter along with an Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of term which is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We will be covering the colour Black for the first 3 weeks and then the colour Orange for the second 3 weeks along with the season which is Spring. Term will end on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and we will be returning on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Keep safe and well.

Sue and Staff