

# Longworth Preschool Newsletter



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## Welcome and welcome back!

Welcome: Thank you to everyone, as we have 100% success rate at the moment for parents handing back the experiences the children have at home communications. It really helps us with our planning for the sessions and it lets us get to know your children even better.

### Staff News

Pam has successfully completed her NVQ4 Advanced Practitioner. This qualification has given me a better understanding of different strategies and approaches to use in setting, and thank you to all the parents for your support and patience with the changes that have been made to setting.



### What we've been doing!



The sandpit is now complete and has been enjoyed by all. The whole project has been completed by staff and children. It has enabled the children to do lots and lots of digging, filling buckets, carrying heavy items and to learn about their environment.

We have had the chance to do baking again, creating cupcakes and cheese scones, fruit salad and ice cream - some of these have been eaten before having chance to go home.

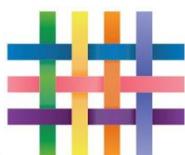
The yoga teacher is feeling better and yoga is back in preschool on a Wednesday afternoon. All children are currently taking part and enjoying downward dog, mice and different breathing techniques, all in an age appropriate way. We will progress this activity and learn new skills over the next few terms. If you don't currently attend this session, but think you might like to take part please speak to Pam.

The children have all shown a great interest in obstacle races, climbing and running on 'Muddy Mountain' this term (sorry for the dirty clothes), so to reflect this we are having a PE lesson with Mr Wilson later in the term to explore different and unique ways of moving.

Please remember if you have a skill, occupation or an interest that we could show the children, please let us know.

Please remember Bags 2 school collection on Tuesday 11th Feb. When sorting your clothes, if you have any jumpers (not preschool ones) that might be appropriate for us, please keep one or two out as we seem to have used all ours and would be good to have a small collection again for spares.

### Tapestry



Please do keep updating Tapestry with your experiences and achievements from home! This, together the Topic Child information you give us, allows us to tailor planning throughout the year with the family interests from home.



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Have you joined our private Facebook group? Ask a member of staff to send you an invite.

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## Dates for your diary:

**Tue 11th Feb** Bags 2 school collection (please leave bags outside the school gates)

**Wed 12th Feb** PE Lesson with Mr Wilson 10.45 am

**Wed 12th Feb** Yoga 1-1.30pm

**Fri 14th Feb** Parents day - come and make Jam heart puffs 1.30-2.45pm

**Fri 14th Feb** Term 3 ends 3.00pm

**Mon 24th Feb** Term 4 starts 9.00am

**Thu 27th Feb** Dentist visit 9.30am

## Fundraising Officer Needed

Would you be interested in running small or big fundraising events for the preschool? A team of willing parents will support this role, but we need someone with passion about helping to improve resources and equipment for the children.

## Fundraising & Donations

We have received a huge amount of donations to help with self care this term and would like to say a thank you to all of them.

If you'd like to continue to date please do ask as we are always in need of other items for the crafts and cooking.

We would also welcome plain flour, cream of tartar, table salt and cooking oil to keep our play dough table in operation!



You can raise funds for the pre-school every time you shop online. Simply register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and pre-school will benefit every time you spend at no extra cost to you whatsoever.

*Thank you so much for your ongoing support.*

## Please help keep our children safe...

- Close the safety gate (both magnet lock and bolt) behind you when entering or leaving.
- Keep mobile phones in handbags or pockets whilst on pre-school premises.
- Do not park in front of the school gates. They are constantly in use and also provide emergency access.
- Cut grapes, etc. into small pieces to avoid a choking hazard.
- We are a **NUT-FREE ZONE**, so please no nuts or nutty spreads with snacks or lunches.
- If your child is ill, or not attending pre-school for whatever reason, *please let us know.*
- If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they need to be **48 hours** clear from last case before returning to pre-school.

**Thank you**



## Snack time



Please help us encourage the children to eat healthily by providing a healthy snack (e.g. a piece of fruit) for each session they attend. 

## Pick-up times reminder and late fees

Please aim to collect your child a few minutes **before** the end of their paid session, or earlier if you wish to look at their profile or liaise with their Key Person. This allows the staff to move on directly to the next session. **There is a charge for late collection.** Thank you for your cooperation.