

# Longworth Preschool Newsletter

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## Welcome back!

Gosh, we are at the end of term 1 already! I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our children and their families, for being such superstars. Their braveness and courage have shone out, as they have adapted to the changes we have had to make at preschool. I never thought I'd see a sea of children running from the gate, into preschool, so happily and confidently waving off their parents (if they're lucky) without a second thought. The friendships they have made in such a short time, and the cohesion they have as a group, has enabled us to keep them safe and happy and continue to provide a huge range of experiences and opportunities. It has been a joy to get to know them, and we can't wait to enjoy the next stage of preschool with them.

## Staff News

Just before lockdown we were able to introduce Viv to you, who joined our team. Please have a look on our website for more information about her previous experiences – which I'm sure you'll agree are amazing. During lockdown, all the staff were busy completing a 'NVQ5 Child Psychology' course. It gave us extra, secure knowledge to complement the care we give your children around attachments. This knowledge will ensure we continue to offer care around a family feel approach.

## What we've been doing!

Please ensure you check in with your tapestry account at least once a week. After you have looked at your child's learning journey (with your children), please click the 'like' button so we know you have seen it. It is also really helpful when you write your own comments from home, and include pictures. Some good ideas to include from home are pets, days out, grown ups at work, grandparents photos, your children enjoying everyday activities at home (eating lunch, reading a book, playing in the garden etc). The children enjoy seeing themselves at school when we look at them with us and is a great tool to help with recall and speaking. We often use the experiences from home to plan our play sessions at preschool and it is good when more families provide us with experiences from home. If you'd like extra family members joined to your tapestry account (like grandparents etc) please provide us with their email addresses and we can send them an activation link.

Next term we will be looking at healthy eating and celebrations with the children. This means we will be offering lots of cooking activities which can be enjoyed by the children at snack time. Some of the recipes will be sweet treats, so please ensure you always only provide a piece of fruit, in its real form, for snack to enjoy with it. Guy Fawkes night, Remembrance day, National tongue twister day and Thanks Giving are a few of the topics we will explore next term. We will also be celebrating 'Nursery Rhyme Week', and when December arrives, Christmas!

## Reminder

If your child has a high temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell then you must keep your child at home and book a test. Isolate the whole family until a negative test comes back, or you have been isolated for 14 days.

**Let preschool know the results immediately.**

Please remember if you have any real life items that you may be able to donate to preschool, please let us know. Items can include old phones, binoculars, cameras, colanders, cooking utensils, adult uniform or kit (like police hats, or stethoscopes). Children are practically fascinated by old fashioned items.

## Join us on Facebook



Have you joined our public and private Facebook group?  
Please find our public page here: [www.facebook.com/longworthpreschool11](http://www.facebook.com/longworthpreschool11)  
Please speak to Pam about adding you to our private page.

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## Dates for your diary:

**Thurs 22nd Oct - 3pm finish**

Last day of term

**Mon 2nd Nov - 9am start**

First day of term 2

**Wed 4th Nov and every Wednesday after**

**9.45am** PE Lesson with Martin

**Wed 4th Nov and every Wednesday after**

**2.15pm - 2.45pm** Yoga

**Week beginning 17th Nov**

Parent Evening by phone – letter to follow, to book a slot to chat with your keyworker about how your child is getting on.

**16th Dec**

Hot school Christmas lunch

**18th Dec**

Preschool Christmas party (for the children only).

More information to follow.

**Fri 18th Dec - 12.30pm finish**

Term 2 ends

## Fundraising Officer Needed

Would you be interested in running a small, big or one off fundraising event 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.

Don't want the responsibility of organising, but you have the ideas or contacts? – please let Pam know. Thank you.

## 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. Our cupboards are bursting!

If you'd like to continue to donate, 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 preschool every time you shop online. Simply register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and preschool will benefit every time you spend at no extra cost to you whatsoever. We also run an Amazon Longworth Preschool wishlist 2020 where you can purchase items that get sent straight to us.

**Thank you so much for your ongoing support.**

## Please help keep our children safe...

- Please remember to keep your distance at the gate.
- Keep mobile phones in handbags or pockets whilst on preschool 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 preschool 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 preschool.

## 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.

## Collection times 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/liase with their Key Person. This allows staff to move on directly to the next session. **There is a charge for late collection.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**