



**NEWS LETTER**  
**From the Staff of Yateley Community Preschool**  
**January 2019 Registered Charity No. 298231**

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! Thank you very much for all your cards and gifts.

We would like to welcome all our new families to Pre-School and hope you enjoy your time with us.

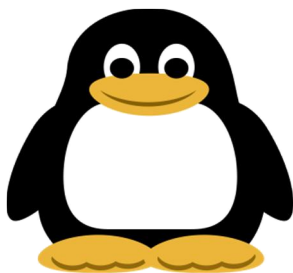
The idea of the staff newsletter is to keep parents up to date with activities planned over the forthcoming term and to feedback information about activities your children may have been involved in. Also from time to time we may have requests for help, this will vary from asking parents to come in and read during book week or simple tasks such as saving items needed for specific activities.

Last half term we covered the topics – Bonfire Night, Autumn, Divali, Space and Christmas, as well as children's interests. Everyone enjoyed Christmas...with lots of activities, singing Christmas songs and carols and Christmas baking! The party went well, many thanks to the committee who organized the event and those that stayed to help on the day.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU NEED TO GIVE YOUR CHILD CALPOL OR ANY MEDICINE BEFORE YOU BRING THEM TO PRE-SCHOOL THEY SHOULD NOT BE THERE IN CASE THEY HAVE AN INFECTION THAT COULD BE PASSED ON TO OTHERS. A HIGH TEMPERATURE IN THE NIGHT MAY BE THE START OF AN ILLNESS PLEASE PLEASE THINK TWICE BEFORE BRINGING YOUR CHILD IN. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SICKNESS BUG THEN IT IS 48 HOURS AFTER THE LAST BOUT OF ILLNESS. THANK YOU!**

**As well as planning for the children's interests and areas to develop we will be looking at....**



Week commencing Monday 7th January – Winter animals, Colour Purple and letter Mm Makaton sign 'Look'  
Story of the week – Henry's Holiday  
Song of the week – Little Penguins

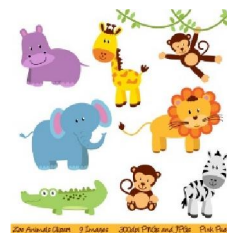
Week commencing Monday 14th January – Farm animals, Colour Red and letter Nn Makaton sign – 'Listen'  
Story of the week – A Squash and a Squeeze  
Song of the week – Old MacDonald



Week commencing 21st January – Zoo Animals, Colour Blue and letter Oo  
Makaton sign – 'Sit'

Story of the week – Rumble in the Jungle

Song of the week – Leo the Lion



Week commencing 28th January Zoo Animals, Colour Green and letter Pp  
Makaton sign – 'Toilet'

Story of the week – I don't want to have a bath

Song of the week – Down in the jungle



Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> February Sea Life/ Chinese New Year 5<sup>th</sup> February Colour  
Yellow and letter Qq.

Makaton sign – 'Food & Drink'

Story of the week – Sharing a shell

Song of the week – Five little fishes

Chinese New Year ... the children will have the opportunity to try prawn crackers and noodles at snack time. If you don't want your child to have any of these snacks please let a member of staff know. We will also be laying on some Chinese activities.

Chinese New Year 2019 ... Year of the pig.



Week commencing 11th February – Sea Life Colour White and letter Rr

Makaton sign – 'Book'

Story of the week – Jolly Olly Octopus

Song of the week – Once I saw an octopus



### **Week commencing 18th February - HALF TERM**

We are always in need of newspapers, especially the large tabloid to cover our tables and can always use buttons, sparkly material etc... for collage, we can recycle most things. If you bring in boxes etc.. for junk modelling, please make sure they are clean, with no traces of food still in them especially nut or egg traces, thank you.

As the cold weather is with us, please make sure your child has a named winter coat so that we can go outside. If your child wears wellingtons to pre-school please ensure that they are named and your child has a change of shoes. We will be going outside whatever the weather each session, we have a few spare pairs of wellingtons – but not all sizes, so please if you wish your child to put them on to go outside, could you provide their own and make sure a member of staff knows they must wear them. If for any reason you do not want your child to go outside – maybe they have been unwell, please let us know. Thank you.

### **Letter Bag & Colour Bag**

For new families a little explanation of our letter & colour bags. We have a letter bag & a colour bag that is circulated on a rota. All we ask is for you to find a few items around the house with your child that start with the letter of the label on the bag or the colour of the bag. The contents are looked at with the help of your child at registration and we discuss the letter and sound or the colour.

## **Billy Bear and Betty Bear**

The children have an opportunity to take home Billy Bear or Betty Bear, he/she stays with your family for a couple of days enjoying family fun. All we ask is that you add a few comments and hopefully photos of your child and Billy / Betty enjoying themselves.

A list of key persons and their allocated children are on the self registration board, if you would like to arrange to speak to your child's key person about how your child is settling in please feel free to arrange this at a convenient time to them and you. If any parents would like to contribute information about their child's interests, needs, activities and learning at home, again please speak to your child's key person.

## **Reminders**

**The school outdoor equipment is NOT supposed to be used by our children, please respect the school rules. If children use it and fall off we are not insured if there is an accident.**

## **Snack time**

**If your child is at pre-school for a whole day please provide a morning and afternoon snack.**

**If weather conditions deteriorate and we have lots of snow, then please ring 07896247220 after 7.30am to find out if we are opening that day, alternatively we will try and update our website [www.yateleycpreschool.co.uk](http://www.yateleycpreschool.co.uk) or go to <http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures> , alternatively listen to local radio stations. **If the school closes for Health and Safety reasons then we will have to close as well.****

**Finally, if you have any concerns about your child at pre-school or any queries, however trivial they may seem, please come in and speak to Jennie, Jackie, Debbie or your child's key person, your child's happiness is important to us.**