

# Newsletter January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the New term and the New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful time over the Christmas period.

Sadly, we are still getting people insisting on parking in the disabled spaces directly outside our door. These spaces are for blue badge holders only. Anyone parking here is doing so against our lease conditions which puts the preschool at risk and you could receive a fine for doing so. Using these spaces also puts our children at risk as they are often approached at high speed even though children are frequently in and out of our front door. We have a very large car park in front of the hedges that is a VERY short distance to our door. Whilst we appreciate that time is precious. Parking here to save a couple of minutes is not worth the risk to our children or the inconvenience to a person with a disability who is unable to get into their designated parking space. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind Regards, The Board of Trustees at Putnoe Woods.

### Fundraising

We have had some wonderful fundraising achievements over the last few months.

The Bluebell Public House on Putnoe Lane held a Christmas raffle and raised over £500 which they are kindly donating to the preschool. We are a little overwhelmed with this generous gift and send huge thanks to The Bluebell.

ABC Photography raised a fantastic £347.00 and our Christmas Raffle raised £141.

The money raised will be invested in resources that promote language and literacy skills. This includes a new wooden seating area in the garden. A lovely space that can be used for sharing books and chatting.

## Door Safety

Please do not encourage your children to press the 'EXIT' button when leaving the building and please ensure ALL doors are shut behind you.

### Session Changes

If you wish to make any change your child's sessions, please do so in writing to the office - a quick email is fine!

All permanent session changes require 1 months' notice. If you receive grant funding, we may not be able to make any changes until the new term.



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## A few gentle reminders...

- Please bring in named Wellie boots. We love going for muddy walks in the woods.
- The use of mobile phones is NOT permitted within the preschool environment
- If your child has had a bout of diarrhoea
   OR sickness, they must remain at home
   for 48 hours after their last bout
- We are a NUT FREE preschool, please do not use Nutella or any type of peanut or peanut product in packed lunches
- Please LABEL your child's belongings
- Please ensure preschool fees are paid on time
- Please only use the disabled parking bays if you are a blue badge holder

## Spring Term Dates 2017

1st half - Wednesday 4th January 2017 - Friday 10th February 2017

#### HALF TERM

Monday 13th Feb - Friday 17th Feb

We are open half term week for our all year
children only

(please see the office if you wish to book additional child care for this week)

2nd half - Monday 20th February 2017 -Tuesday 4th April 2017

We are open from Wednesday 5th April -Friday 7th April for our all year children only

Summer Term starts on Wednesday 19th April 2017 for term time children

#### Closure dates

Pre-school will be CLOSED to ALL

From April 10th 2017 - April 17th 2017.

Reopen Tuesday 18th April 2017 for all year children only

#### **Future Events**

Stay & Play session in all our rooms - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 9.30am, all welcome.

Mother Day Breakfast - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Father's Day Breakfast - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Leavers Graduation - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July