



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new half term.

We had some wonderful fundraising events last half term which were fun to be part of and helped to raise vital funds for some fantastic charities. The McMillan Coffee morning raised £196.11 and our Pink day for Breast Cancer Awareness raised a fantastic £90.00. Thank you to all those who took part, contributed, organised, baked and joined us in the fun.

We have also been able to order our defibrillator, which we hope to have up and running shortly. Many thanks again to everyone who generously supported our fundraising activities and helped us to be able to buy this vital equipment.

Poor weather never stops us playing out in the garden or going for walks. Please make sure you send your child in with a (named) warm coat, boots or wellies suitable to keep them warm and dry outside.

Unfortunately, we still have a number of parents using the Disabled bays at the front of the building. These are only for blue badge holders ONLY.

To confirm, the car park directly outside our building is for Rugby Club use ONLY.

Our own large car park is situated in front of the hedge. Please do not drive into the Rugby Club car park unless you need to use the disabled parking spaces. This will keep everyone safe.

Kind Regards, The Staff at Putnoe Woods.



A few gentle reminders...

- **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**

Forthcoming Events...

Stay and play Saturday

Saturday 17th November

Our interactive 'Stay & Play' session 9.30 - 11.00 come and join us and enjoy cooking, water play and group story time

Christmas Craft day

Thursday 6th December

Drop in between 9.30 - 11.00 or 12.30-2.00 and enjoy making some seasonal creations with your child

Parents consultations

Saturday 8th December

An opportunity to meet your child's key worker and discuss your child's progress
More details to follow

Christmas Lunch with a Special guest!

Thursday 13th December

£2.50 per child, more details to follow shortly.

Carols in the Preschool & Leavers Graduation

Wednesday 19th December



All welcome from 2pm

Preschool Fees - Payments

The office is having to spend a lot of time reminding parents to pay their fees. This is time consuming and has a cost implication to our business. We keep our fees as low as possible and prompt payment of fees helps us to do this.

30 Hours Funded Childcare IMPORTANT

If you are eligible for 30 hours funded childcare it is your responsibility to renew your application every 3 months to ensure you still get your funding. **If your child already receives 30-hour funding, please renew NOW!**

If your code becomes invalid you will be responsible for paying any additional fees. One months' notice is required if you wish to reduce hours.

If you have a child turning 3 this term and you think you may be eligible for 30-hour funding from January 2018.

Please apply NOW for funding next term at

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Going to BIG school!

If your child is starting school in September 2019 you need to apply for your place at your chosen school by 15th January 2019. All the schools are happy to show you around if you are undecided. Please contact them directly to arrange this.

You can apply for your school place on line at

www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

Preschool has nothing to do with this process and we cannot do this application for you.

Many Thanks

Term / Holiday Dates

Monday 29th October 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2018

Closed to ALL from Thursday 20th December 2018 - Tuesday 1st January 2019.

Reopen on Wednesday 2nd Jan 2019 for all year children only

New Term starts on Thursday 3rdth January 2019