



# Newsletter

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**Happy New Year and welcome back.** We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

**Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who has took part in the theatre visit, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We have had some very positive comments and we are hoping to make this an annual visit.

**Craft drop-in** – we are having our next craft session on Monday, 4 February from 9am and will be celebrating Chinese New Year by making lanterns and dragons. Please let your key person know if you are able to come along.

**Committee Meeting** – our next meeting is on Thursday, 31 January at 7.15pm at the Star. Please come along, everyone is very welcome and we will be planning our Easter Fair and Summer Fun day, so we would love to have your ideas; your support is very much appreciated.

**Surveys** – we will be holding a ‘school readiness’ coffee morning in the summer term, please let your key person know if there is anything you would like us to cover on this drop-in session. Spentrough Co-operative Trust run training events for parents, so you can follow them on Twitter @Spentrust to find out the latest.

**Facebook** – we are using our Facebook page to keep everyone informed about what is happening in pre-school, so please like our page!

**Spotlight on learning** – we are sharing some information this month about Personal, Social and Emotional Development, a Prime learning area in the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum that we follow. The information sheet below explains the aspects of development and what this means for your child’s learning, together with the skills they will be developing in this area. Your copy of ‘What to Expect When’ also shows these developing skills in more detail for children of all different ages and stages of development.

**Policies** – in common with schools and other settings, we are required to have a number of policies and procedures in place. One of these is our Lockdown Policy. This details how we would respond as an organisation in the hopefully highly unlikely event that there was an incident locally or where the authorities or emergency services informed us we could not leave the building. The children are already very well practised in evacuation drills and are beginning to understand the reasons that we practise this. We will shortly undertake an ‘invacuation’ drill where we will teach the children about how we use our setting to keep us safe inside. This will be done in a very sensitive and appropriate manner using reassuring and positive messages, with lots of support for all the children at all levels of understanding. If you have any questions about this, please speak to your Key Person or any member of staff.

**Bags to school** – the next collection is on Friday, 8 March at 9am. If you are making space and have any clothes, etc that you no longer need, please bring them in a bin liner, with clothes separate from bags/shoes/belts. We are currently fundraising for a new computer for the children.

**Clothing** – if you have any of our spare items of clothing, please could you return them. We are particularly short of girls leggings at the moment.

## Reminders:

**Opening hours** – we are still able to accommodate requests for occasional attendances at our early starts and late finishes.

**30 hours free early education and care** -go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) **Bring us your code and** complete your Parent Agreement and Eligibility Check Consent forms. If your child is eligible in the summer term, please apply now. Children continuing to be eligible - Please remember that neither Kirklees nor HMRC send out reminders to recheck

eligibility, please set your reminders! Please check if you are in the grace period and reconfirm your code as soon as possible.

**Lunch boxes** – Thank you for your help in limiting the amount of high-sugar and high saturated fat foods in your child's lunch box. Thank you also for reducing the amount of single-use plastics used for wrapping. We are collecting tin foil and donating it to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**Ofsted Action Plan** - If your child also attends another setting, including childminders, please ask them to keep us up-to-date with the things your child likes to do there, it makes our planning precise and focussed on your child's interests and needs. Key Persons are liaising with these settings to enable us to improve our communication with them.

**Online shopping** – Please use our Easyfundraising link <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/roberttownpreschool> we would like to thank all those who use this link, it raises very valuable funds for us.

**Permission to receive our newsletter and other general correspondence by email**

A reminder that if you are opted-in to our emails service, you can opt out at any time by letting us know.

Dates of future committee meetings: Thursday, 31 January 2019, Tuesday, 26 March, Tuesday, 21 May, Thursday, 4 July all at 7.15pm. Meetings are held at the Star, Roberttown. Everyone is welcome!

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**30 hours childcare from September 2017: Eligibility for the additional free entitlement will include households where:**

- ♣ All parents (whether two-parent family or lone parent) are working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum or Living Wage (includes income received from tax credits or Universal Credit) and/or:
- ♣ One/ both parent/s is away on leave (parental, maternal etc.)
- ♣ One/ both parent/s is on statutory sick pay
- ♣ Parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible, as are those who are registered as self-employed
- ♣ One parent is employed and the other parent has either: substantial caring responsibilities/ and or disability; is a foster carer with their own three- and four-year-old children
- ♣ Parents who are in training will not be eligible as they can receive other Government support
- ♣ There is an income cap. If one parent's income exceeds £100k the household will not be eligible

For children eligible for Free Early Education and Care funding in April, please see the above information.

Please apply at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



# Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This part of the curriculum covers:

- Self-confidence and self-awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviour
- Making relationships



## What might this look like?

### Self-confidence and self-awareness

Your child can separate from their carer with support and encouragement.

They can choose their own activities and resources.

Your child is confident to talk to other children when playing.

They can ask an adult for help  
They can describe what they need and want and what they like.

### Managing feelings and behaviour

Your child might be aware of their own feelings and how some of their actions might make others feel.

Perhaps your child has learnt to take turns or share when playing games.

Your child might understand what the boundaries are and how to behave in different places.

### Making relationships

Your child might enjoy playing with other children, sometimes responding to what others are saying or doing.

They might start conversations with friends and adults.

Your child might be able to sort conflicts, for example by compromising.



Holiday dates 2018 / 2019

Term	Open	Close	Staff Training Day
<b>2018</b>			
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Monday 3 September	Thursday 25 October	Friday 26 October
	Monday 5 November	Friday 21 December	
<b>2019</b>			
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 8 January	Friday 15 February	Monday 7 January
	Monday 25 February	Thursday 11 April	Friday 12 April also Easter Fair
<b>.Summer Term</b>	Monday 29 April	Friday 24 May	Thursday 2 May
	Monday 3 June	Monday, 22 July	Friday 19 July also summer party

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<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May	Thursday 7 May
	Monday 1 June	Monday 20 July	Friday 17 July also summer party