



Earith Pre-School 7

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Spring Term 1 Newsletter

A big welcome to all our returning and new children. We hope you all had a great Christmas. We are all looking forward to our Spring Term together.

We will no longer be planning weekly themes.

Instead our weekly planning will be focused on the children's next steps, interests and schemas.

Our weekly planning is displayed on the outside notice board and is also on our website

We will still incorporate the occasional theme and these will be posted on the door.

You will be able to view your child's next steps soon on their Tapestry Learning Journal

Upcoming Events

Watch this space!

Covid-19 and Illnesses

We ask that you inform us if your child will not be attending due to illness. In line with our safeguarding policy, any unexpected absences will be followed up with a telephone call as it is a requirement that we keep accurate attendance records.

Please be aware that if your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they must be clear of the symptoms for 48 hours before returning to pre-school.

It is the time of year where we see a lot of children with runny noses and colds. Children are still welcome to attend if they are well in themselves.

If your child requires calpol or ibuprofen then we consider them not well enough to attend

Guidance for Covid-19 remains the same, if your child or anyone in your bubble has any of these symptoms:

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- Loss of taste/smell

They should stay at home and follow Government guidance. Our pre-school risk assessment and procedures remain the same.

Pre-school Uniform

We do offer an optional uniform for the children to wear at Pre-school. We hold a small stock of polo shirts and sweatshirts which are available in different sizes. Please ask a member of staff for further details.

Primary School Applications

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2024 the deadline for applications has now passed

If you need assistance with your application, please speak to Julie.

Labelling

Please could we ask that ALL BELONGINGS are labelled with your child's name. As our sessions are getting busier it is becoming difficult to know what items belongs to which child and we have several duplicate hats and bottles that add to the confusion!

Lunches

We would like to recommend that an ice pack be added to your child's lunch box to help keep their lunch cool. For those who are unsure what to put in their child's lunchbox, we suggest a sandwich/roll/crackers, a piece of fruit, yoghurt and some form of a small treat. We do ask that you do not send sweets.

Also please be aware that we DO NOT allow nuts or nut products in the pre-school.

Fire Drill and Emergency Lockdown

We regularly practise our fire drill, however due to all of our children either being new or having been off for a long time, we have decided to continue carrying out one a week for the rest of the term. This means that we will be able to cover every session, ensuring all children are involved in at least one practise. During the drill we ask the children to listen, follow the adult's instructions and answer their name clearly when we call the register. After each drill we have a short discussion about fire safety. We would be grateful if you could talk about this with your children at home and encourage them to listen and answer their names during our practise.

Updates

It is important that we have the most up to date information for families. Please inform us of any changes to medical conditions, addresses, or contact details.

Our Outdoor Areas

We will still be spending as much time outdoors as we can and, now that the weather is changing, please send wellies and waterproof clothing in with your child. If you do not have a spare set to leave at pre-school we will be happy to send these home at the end of each session.



Tapestry

Every child here has a secure, online Tapestry learning journal. Your child's Keyworker regularly updates this with photographs and observations of what they have been up to. It's a lovely way for your child to share their time at pre-school with you.

Tapestry can be accessed by parents/carers using a computer, tablet or smart phone via the website or the free app and is very easy to use.

Did you know you can 'like' observations, make comments or even write your own observations if you want to?!

If you need any help logging into or using your account, please ask.

Funding and 30 hours entitlement

Depending on circumstances, some 3-4 year olds are entitled to 30 hours free childcare. If you think you might be eligible and are interested in applying, the link to the website is: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>.

If you already claim any/all of the 30 hours free childcare, please remember that to continue being able to claim you must log in to your HMRC account at least once a term to re-confirm your eligibility.

From April 2024 eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support. If you think you may be eligible please follow the link to check

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/upcoming-changes-to-childcare-support/>

Easy fundraising

The pre-school is registered with Easyfundraising, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the Easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

This means you can support the pre-school when you do your grocery shopping, book holidays or days out, order takeaways, buy things for the kids, or even when you renew your insurance and energy policies.

It's easy and completely FREE. Just visit our Easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earithps7/?invite=KKNKGJ&referral-campaign=c2s>

2023-2024

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts- Friday 5th January 2024

Half Term- Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2024

Term Ends- Thursday 28th March 2024

Spring (Easter) Holiday- Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts- Tuesday 16th April 2024

May Day - Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term- Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term Ends- Friday 19th July 2024

Social Media

We have a Facebook page where we post parent/carer information and photos of activities your children take part in. If you haven't already, please take a look and like our page if you can. If you know anyone who may be interested in their child attending the pre-school in the future, please pass details of this on.

The page is called: **Earith Pre-School 7**

We also have a new website: www.earithpreschool.co.uk

NEWS TIME WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Monday 15th January

Tuesday 23rd January

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 8th February

Friday 16th February