

## **January 2016 – Newsletter Number 1**

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Welcome back, hopefully everyone had a Good Christmas and New Year. The staff and I would like to thank all the parents for the Christmas cards and gifts.

### **Staff News**

From Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January Jo will not be in Pre-school for 8 weeks as she needs an operation on her knee. Jo's key-children will be looked after by other staff members. She will let her key-parents know who these staff will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Severe Weather**

In case of bad weather closing the Pre-school, please either listen to the local radio (Heart FM) or look on our website under latest News section on the home page from 6.30 am onwards.

### **Starting School this September 2016**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 is the deadline for registering your child's name for the First School you would like them to attend in September 2016. If you haven't already done so please ensure you do before Friday.

### **No Lunch Club on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

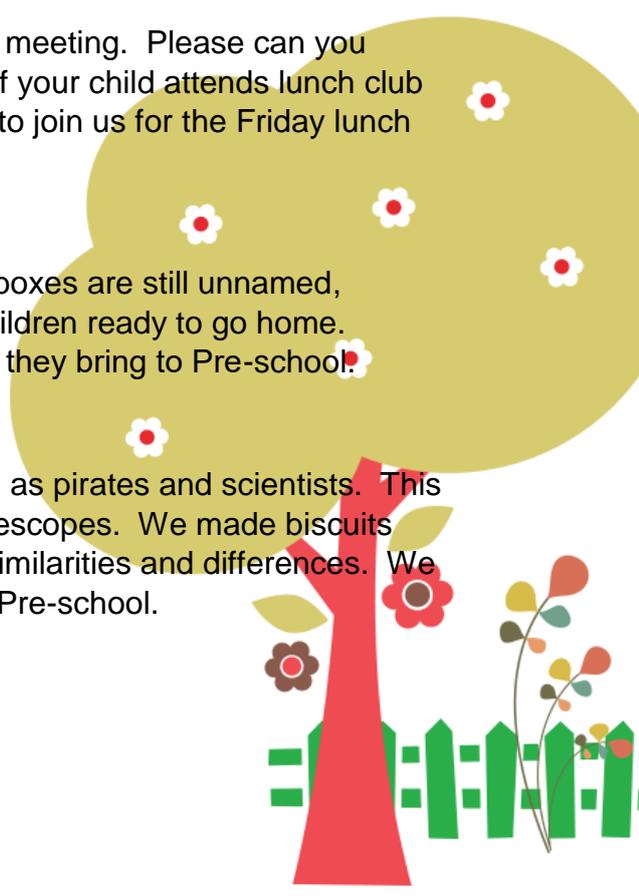
There is no lunch club on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> due to a staff meeting. Please can you ensure you pick your child up promptly at 11.50 am. If your child attends lunch club on a Thursday but not on a Friday, they are welcome to join us for the Friday lunch club.

### **Coats, Backpacks and Lunch Boxes**

Some of the children's clothes, backpacks and lunch boxes are still unnamed, making it really difficult for when we are getting the children ready to go home. Please can you put your child's name onto everything they bring to Pre-school!

### **Activities**

This half term the theme is travelling around the world as pirates and scientists. This week we visited England, making pirate boats and telescopes. We made biscuits and talked about what we look like talking about our similarities and differences. We also talked about where we live and how we travel to Pre-school.



Next week we are travelling to Iceland and plan to set up a Sea Life Centre. We will also be discovering what animals live on Iceland and what it is like to live there. Miranda Lailey, who is a local Artist, will be joining us each week. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January Miranda will help the children to create animals from Iceland (such as Icelandic sheep, sheepdog, horse, reindeer, whales, arctic foxes and puffin birds) using different materials.

We are also going to discuss in our small circle groups who are our friends and how we look after each other.

### **Lunch food and allergies**

Please remember to cut grapes and tomatoes in quarters as they pose a choking hazard. Choking is one of the leading causes of death for children under 3. **We have a child who attends pre-school who has a severe anaphylactic allergy to eggs and nuts so please ensure all lunch boxes are free from these foods.**

Kind regards  
Karen

