



The Saplings Pre-School

Saturday, 01 February 2025

Saplings/2024-2025/55

February 2025 Newsletter

Our Neighbours



Unfortunately, we have received a complaint from one of our neighbours. Please do not park on their driveways.

There is sufficient space in the car park opposite the cul-de-sac or along the roadside up near to St Michael's Church. Please try to avoid using the cul-de-sac as it is very small and one of our children was almost hit by a car last week whilst walking carefully along the footpath. Please be courteous to our neighbours at all times.

30 Hour Funding



If your child is 3 before 1st April 2025 and you are eligible for 30 hours, please log in to the HMRC website and update your claim. I understand that the funding numbers do not change. However, if you have been issued with a temporary code please ensure that you provide me with your new code as soon as you receive it. Any new funding codes must be made before 31st March 2025 to enable them to be valid for the summer term from 1st April 2025. No late validations are accepted by Services for Young Children.

Education



Are you a working parent? Is your child aged 9 months before 1st April 2025? If so, your child may be eligible for the governments' new entitlement for 15 hours free childcare. Login to your HMRC website and apply as soon as possible, no later than 31st March 2025, for your eligibility code. Please provide me with the code and your NI number ready for verification. Please let me know how you wish to spread the 15 hours during the week.

Please be aware that this will increase to 30 hours funding from 1st September 2025.

Dates for Diary



Half Term Monday 17th–Friday 21st February

End of Term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Monday 5th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 26th May – Thursday 5th June Summer Half Term

A calendar of opening times can be found on our web site www.saplingspreschool.co.uk under 'Our Week'.

Welcome



We would like to welcome Imogen who will be joining Saplings this month.

Health and Safety Food Reminder: Please ensure your child does not bring nuts, chocolate or sweets in any form to pre-school. Please ensure that sausages, tomatoes, grapes and olives are chopped lengthways in half as these items are major choking hazards. Thank you.



General Gloves and Hats: As it is now Winter please ensure that your child has gloves and a hat when appropriate. Please put gloves in their coat pockets or down sleeves so that they can find them.



Please ensure your child has shoes they can manage themselves for inside.

Several children have been wearing shoes/trainers with laces, even if these have zips on them, the laces are a major tripping hazard for the children and are unsafe on the climbing frame. Within Saplings the children remove their shoes whilst using the soft play and sensory mats and as part of their independence are encouraged to try to put their own shoes back on.

Wellington boots should be provided for outdoor use and cannot be worn inside on wet days as they create a slipping hazard. If your child is in the smaller room, Acorns and Seedlings, please provide indoor shoes or rubber/plastic soled slippers.

Please adhere to our safety requests. Thank you in anticipation.

Planning We will look at:



Dinosaurs

Chinese New Year – Year of the Snake

Valentine's Day – Friday 14th February - shapes

St David's Day – Saturday 1st March

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

With thanks Carol and the pre-school' team