



## Newsletter

### Spring Term 2021

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely break and created some wonderful memories during your family time over the festive season. I would like to wish a warm welcome to our new families joining us this term. We are very excited you have chosen Luckington Pre-School and look forward to sharing in your child's learning. I would also like to send our best wishes to families who have chosen to stay at home during the lockdown. It's such a surreal time at the moment and I would like to express how valued everyone's views and opinions are surrounding the decisions you have chosen to make. Hopefully we will all be able to safely reunite in the near future!

#### Parent's Evening

We will shortly be holding a virtual parents evening via zoom. This will give us an opportunity to discuss your child's learning, next steps and to answer any questions you may have. Each child will be allocated a 10minute appointment. Dulcie and I are both available to be present during the meetings together and these will be led by your child's key person. This will take place after the half term

during Term 4. Further details regarding date and times will follow soon.

### **Outdoor Learning**

At the moment due to COVID-19 we are still not able to use the park due to minimising the risk of mixing with other children that may be present. Therefore, we have continued to maximise the use of the school grounds. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful environment around us to explore. Already some fantastic learning has taken place which hopefully you have been able to spot!

### **Real Foundations - Jasmine PE**

I have been fortunate to take part in Real Foundations PE training. It is programme called Jasmine which centres around promoting physical education for children alongside working within the Early Years Foundation Stage. Did you know it is recommended for children to have 180 minutes of physical exercise every day! This could include walking, running, dancing, climbing, any form of movement! To support this Jasmine offers fun, exciting and engaging opportunities to get physical. We shall be using this programme at Pre-School within our PE sessions and it also offers the chance for you to take part with your child at home. Shortly I shall be sending you your child's unique log in so you will be able to access Jasmine at home. This will be sent to you via Tapestry this week.

### **Helicopter Stories**

This term I shall be introducing Helicopter Stories sessions. A fantastic way for children to express themselves through imagination and story-telling. Watch this space for updates via Tapestry.

### **Thank you**

Last term we had fun raising money to support Children in Need and Save the Children. I would like to say thank you for your kind

donations. We raised £3 for Children in Need and £18 for Save the Children. This money has been paid to the chosen charities.

### **Spaces Available**

We do have spaces available if anyone would like to book their child in for any extra sessions for the Summer Term (April 2021). Please could you let me know ASAP if you are interested so I can ensure a space is available for your child. This includes afternoon clubs on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, currently we are running funky fingers and exploring our senses. These may change depending on children's interests.

### **Tapestry and All About Me**

Tapestry will be updated weekly by your child's key person. This is a wonderful way for us to share in child's learning and achievements. Did you know you are able to add your own observations onto Tapestry from home? If you have anything exciting, you would like to share with us please upload photos through Tapestry so we can have a look at these together with your child. On Tapestry you will also find an all about me form for your child. Please could these be filled in if you have not already done so - thank you!

### **Next Steps and Feedback**

Last term I sent home a next step sheet for parents to fill in observed from your child at home. The purpose of these are for us to be able to share in your child's learning and any next steps you may be supporting your child with at home. If you would like to fill these in and return to us we can add these to your child's next steps at Pre-School. Updated copies will be sent home this week. These are a working document and change in line with your child's learning. Along with this you hopefully would have seen a feedback slip. Feedback is so important to us and helps us to improve and understand what is working is working well and be aware of any

thoughts you may have about Pre-School. If you would like to remain anonymous please do pop in an envelope and post.

### **Toys from Home**

A gentle reminder to ask for toys from home to stay at home. As much as we would love for the children to show and tell their special items unfortunately due to COVID-19 and in line with government guidelines and the risk assessment we are not allowed.

### **Learning at Home**

Along with Jasmine there are many ways to learn at home with your child. Cosmic kids offers a range of short story based yoga sessions to promote well-being and relaxation for under 5's. Outdoor classroom day offers lots of fun activities to do in the garden or in an outdoor space. Woodland trust nature detectives provides creative, fun activities to help children of all ages learn about nature. Please do let us know and share with us on Tapestry any photos of your child learning and what they have been doing. We would love to see!

### **Facebook and Instagram**

Please can I ask if you have a Facebook account to follow Luckington Pre-School and share any updates. We would like to spread the word about our lovely Pre-School and would be very grateful of your help. We are now also on Instagram. Please do follow us at luckington\_ps and support us to build our followers.

### **COVID-19**

Our risk assessment remains firmly in place with regards to COVID-19 and I would like to thank you all for your help and co-operation in following our rules.

A reminder to please ensure children do not come into Pre-School if they have a new continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If anyone in the Pre-School becomes unwell with the above symptoms they will be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home' guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. Please ensure we are contacted with the results of the test immediately. If negative the child can return to Pre-School when well.

If a positive result, we as a Pre-School will take action and all children who attend will be asked to self-isolate for at least 10 days. Public Health England and OFSTED will be notified as required.

I will continue to write a new email every term and send regular emails of any important information.

If your child has any particular interests at home, please do let us know so we can see how we can extend this here at Pre-School.

Wishing you all well, stay safe!