



East Hanningfield Pre-School

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Newsletter

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Hello!

A big welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined us this term and a big thank you to everyone for all the Harvest contributions.

We are currently collecting donations for the Christmas raffle and would be grateful for any contributions.

From September 1st the Early Years Foundation Stage reforms became statutory and the Department for Education has published a new guide for parents, **What to Expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage** (formerly 'What to Expect When') which guides parents through what to expect with their child's development. Please click on the yellow text if you'd like to view this document online.

What we've been up to...

This term we have been allowed to return to a more 'normal' situation as Covid guidelines have been relaxed, and the children have been enjoying playing with sand and playdough again, and washing up after snack as well as being able to self-select toys.

This term our theme is **"People who help us"**. Every week we also concentrate on a different number, letter and shape.

We are spending a lot of time outside if possible, so please ensure your child has a named coat with them and suitable footwear. Boots are not allowed in the hall. Only plimsolls or soft-soled shoes are permitted in the hall.

Upcoming events...

Halloween – your child is welcome to dress up during the week **18-22 October** with a suggested donation of £1 towards pre-school. Every child will have the opportunity to take part in various activities and crafts connected to Halloween during the week.

Thursday 4th November – AGM at 9am

Friday 12th November – Children in Need

15-19 November – BRAKE Road Safety Week

Tuesday 16th November from 8.30am – Bardel photography will be taking individual **photos** of all the children. If you would like siblings taken as well, please book in between 8.30-9 am with Diane. If your child is not normally in on a Tuesday, please also book in with Diane.

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Songs & Show, parents welcome

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Party

Could you spare a little time?

The AGM will be held on THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER at 9.00 AM in the large hall. All parents and carers are invited.

As a committee run pre-school, we have elections for the new committee each year. These happen at the AGM. Each year we struggle to get people to join the committee and without it the pre-school could not survive. We really do need as many parents that can possibly help to be involved. The current committee has been a strong one and a really supportive and sociable group! Do join if you can as it is a great way to support your pre-school and get to know other parents.

If you would like to find out more about the committee and how you can help, please talk to Diane.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 25-Friday 29 October – Half term
Thursday 4 November 9am – AGM
Wednesday 15 December – Christmas Show
Friday 17 December - Last day of term
Monday 10 January – First day of Spring term

Facebook

Don't forget we now have a Facebook page for passing on information so if you would like to join this please request to join as it is a closed group. It is being updated by a member of staff and a committee member.

Reminders

Please let us know if your child cannot come in for their usual session due to illness, holiday or any other reason. We will ring you to check if we have an unexplained absence.

Please continue to send in photos about what your child does or has been doing at home.

We have been teaching the children about good hygiene when they sneeze and not coughing over others to help reduce the spread of illness.



Other useful info...

Changing or adding hours

If you wish to change your hours, please let us know as spaces are filling up quickly. Please email us the changes even if you speak to us, and ensure you get a confirmation email from us.
If your child attends a child-minder or another setting, please let us know.

Lunchboxes

We are a nut-free pre-school so **no nuts** please in lunch boxes. This includes **pesto**. Please also check **cereal bars** to ensure nut-free. Please ensure your child has a drink in their lunchbox and no screw tops as these get knocked over. Please fill water bottles with water or diluted "no added sugar" squash. All chocolate and sweets are discouraged in lunchboxes.

If you put **grapes** in your child's lunchbox, please ensure they are **cut in half lengthwise** so they can more easily pass-through smaller throats.

Please ensure you check your child's lunchbox to see how much he/she has eaten for lunch. We cannot force your child to eat their lunch – we can only encourage. Uneaten food will be left in their lunchbox.

We promote healthy eating! If you would like further information, please see our website.

Medication

If your child requires any medication whilst at Preschool, please make sure you have filled out and signed the form "Parental Agreement for Setting to administer medicine".

Clothing

Please do not send your child into pre-school in their best clothes as your child may get messy with paint & glue.. Sometimes it is necessary for your child to have a change of clothes during the day. We do keep spare clothes but if you do borrow our clothes, please can you ensure they are returned to us.



We have pre-school t-shirts for sale for £8 and sweatshirts for £11. These are embroidered with the pre-school logo. Please let us know if you would like one.

Exclusion procedure for illness and contagious diseases

In order to ensure that germs are not spread to others please visit our website page and do not send your child in to pre-school until after the exclusion period. If you have any doubts about whether your child is well enough to come into pre-school, please ring us before bringing them in.

Pre-School Bag

Please to bring your child's personalised bag to each session so staff can fill it up with artworks, notices etc. ready for you to take home again. We are currently in the process of ordering new bags so any new children who started in September will be given their bag soon.

Staff contact

If you would like to speak a member of staff, please either ring us or wait until all the children have entered pre-school. If your child comes into pre-school with a mark caused by an accident at home, please can you fill out a slip and sign it as we have to record all these.

Wow Moments

We love sharing these special moments with your child and we then place the Wow sheet in their Learning Journey. Wow sheets are available in pre-school and they can also be downloaded via our website.

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Policies

All of our policies are available to read on our website.

Early Learning Journey folders

These are updated once every half-term with observations, a photo and artworks. You are welcome to come in and view your child's at any time.

Change in contact details

If you change your mobile or home telephone number, please remember to let us know so that we can update our records. This is important in case we need to contact you during a session.



FREE support sessions for families at your setting

We are pleased to offer two new activity-packed programmes aimed at supporting families with children aged 0-5 years. Our **Let's Learn Together @Home** and **Parent Connect** sessions are FREE to all families wanting to learn more about children's development and gain ideas to keep their little ones happy, motivated and learning!

Please do share this with your families – more information about both programmes, including details on how to book can be found on our website [here](#).





Preschool activities this Autumn!

Fun term time activities for children aged 2 to 5 years at [Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre](#).

Join us for our weekly **Mini Movers** and **Munchkin Mayhem** sessions!

Lead by our fully-qualified, DBS-checked instructors, who will gently guide you and your child through the sessions.

Mini Movers



Our term-time Mini Movers sessions run every **Tuesday** and will help your child's growth and development through their early years.

Through activities and games, parents and children will have fun together whilst helping children to develop key physical, cognitive

and social skills - essential as they continue their journey into school.

[Book online](#) or call the centre direct on [01245 605666](tel:01245605666).

Munchkin Mayhem



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Our fun **Sunday morning** Munchkin Mayhem sessions will help your child develop key physical, cognitive and social skills.

A great opportunity for children aged 2 to 5 years to have lots of fun on our **bouncy castle** and **soft play** equipment, and take

part in fun and games with our qualified coaches!

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Find out about our other fantastic kids activities, including our [term time sports schools](#) and [holiday courses](#) for ages 0 to 16!

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Development Phase 1 Ages 4 – 5
Development Phase 2 Ages 5 – 6

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£20 per month
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