



East Hanningfield Pre-School

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Newsletter

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Hello!

A warm welcome to the new children who have recently joined us.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Toy Sale and also our very successful Christmas Show. We raised £50 at the toy sale and over £150 from the raffle on Show Day.

We recently had a surprise visit from the Food Standards Agency and we are pleased to announce that we maintained our 5 star rating.

Please be aware when picking up your child outside of normal hours, in addition to our usual preschool bell, there is a second bell above the entrance door.

EASTER HAT/BONNET COMPETITION

We will be holding an Easter Bonnet Competition again this year. This is an opportunity for your child to create their own Easter Bonnet or Hat. Please bring in your Easter Bonnet/Hat the last week of term (week commencing 28th March) for judging during the week and winners will be notified on Friday via us Facebook page.

Upcoming events...

Pancake Day – Tuesday 1st March

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March – **Please dress up as your favourite book character**

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

Dates for your diary

Friday 1 April – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 19 April – First Day of Summer Term

Monday 30 May-Friday 3 June – Half term

Last day of term – Thursday 21 July

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.

- If you want a new person to pick up your child on a regular basis and they are not already mentioned on your paperwork, please ask for a form to fill in so we know they will be picking up regularly. Please ensure they also know your password.

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 for next term, 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 do 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 and any chocolate** to ensure nut-free. Please ensure your child has a drink in their lunchbox. No screw tops please as these get knocked over. Please fill water bottles with water or diluted "no added sugar" squash. All chocolate and sweets are discouraged.

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 Pre-school 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 and 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. **Preschool t-shirts for £8 and sweatshirts for £11 are available to purchase.**

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. Please let Sue know if you haven't received your bag.

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.