



## Spring 2024 Newsletter

**Welcomes.** A warm welcome to our new starters Alexander, Poppy, Paisley and Sienna. We look forward to having lots of fun with you at Preschool.

**Spring term dates:** February half term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Return Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Finish for Easter – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

For a full list of term dates please see our website [suttonpreschool.com](http://suttonpreschool.com)

**Date for your diary: Easter treasure hunt Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Parent Stay & Play Every Friday Morning. 9:30-11am.** Please come and join us.

In toddlers Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Raffle drawn.

More Information to follow

### **Fees:**

Everyone by now should have received an email with a letter attached about the new fees coming in to effect from 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Activities for this half-term:**

We have started this half term looking at colours, counting and patterns. We have made some great colour pictures and used our colour elephants to make colour patterns.

This half-term we have enjoyed learning about the festival of the Chinese New Year, this year is the year of the dragon. We have enjoyed lots of crafts including lucky pockets, lanterns, stories about China and the Chinese New Year and trying out Chinese dancing and Chinese food.

We have had a visit from Robot Reg and had lots of fun learning sounds and phonics through games, songs and music. We will be using some of the games we learnt with the children in our own phonic sessions.

In the run up to the summer term we are looking at making more links with the local schools and teachers to make the transitions to school easier when it is your child's time to move to school.

### **At home:**

While out and about why not talk to the children about what signs you see and the letters they might recognise. Encourage your children to spots familiar signs and letters.

### **Coughs and colds.**

Just a polite reminder that if your child has a cough and/or cold and are well in themselves they are still able to attend preschool. If your child has a temperature or has had or requires Calpol, please keep them at home until their temperature has returned to normal and they no longer require Calpol.

If your child has a stomach bug can we please remind you that you need to keep your child at home for 48hours after the last episode.

### **Fundraising:**

Thank you for all the support with our recent fundraising, including the jingle, bags for school, Tesco and Mini me. With the monies raised we plan to purchase new resources to build on our current resources, a new shed for the garden which we plan on adding a chalk board to the side so the children have lots more mark making opportunities outside. We are looking at purchasing more phonic resources for preschool to support the phonic activities we already have in place and to send staff on training so that we are better able to support the children. This will also give us enough staff to give the children more quality time with the children.

**STIKINS-** Last year with the sale of Stikins through our account we were sent a cheque for £29.16. Thank you for all our support.

If you require any clothes labels for your children's cloths the fundraising number for the clothes labels is: **35445** and the website is: [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) With this you can claim 5 free personalised name labels and you can order more if you require.

If you shop via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) you can also support Sutton on the Forest Preschool and Toddlers while you shop.



## Preschool Committee.

Welcome to our new committee

**Co-chair:** Hello! My name is Elaine. My daughter Maya currently attends preschool and my youngest daughter Grace will join later this year. I live in Sutton-on-the-Forest and have been involved with the preschool since I started attending toddlers in 2021. Last year I volunteered to lead the committee, to help keep our fantastic preschool running. As a charity run preschool we rely on the generosity of parents and volunteers, giving their time to support us. My role mainly involves liaising with the other committee members, staff and other parents to try and make our preschool the best it can be for our children.

**Co-chair:** Hi I'm Joe. I jointly lead the committee with Elaine. I am a farmer and have two children who used to attend preschool. I have decided to continue to support the preschool in this role.

**Secretary:** Hi, I'm Michelle. Mum of 3 girls, 2 who still wish they went to this amazing preschool and one who is currently attending.

As well as looking after my 3 girls and all that comes with that, I run a farm with my husband Rob, run a weekly toddler group and try to get my horse fix when I can!

I joined the preschool committee as a way of giving something back and supporting preschool.

**Treasurer:** Hi, I'm Jenny the new preschool treasurer. I'm in charge of your invoices for preschool accounts. I'm married to a farmer with three little ones. Charlie who attends preschool and my older two attend school.