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## **Roborough Pre-School Spring Term 1 Newsletter 1**

We hope you have all had a lovely break over the Christmas period and want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Here's hoping that 2022 will bring us peace, health and happiness and some sense of 'normality' over the coming months.

We are now starting our second term of the academic year; Spring Term! The time is flying by! We are very much looking forward to working with the children this term and as expected we have planned lots of exciting activities. We will also be welcoming some new children and their families to our preschool and can't wait to get to know them over the next few weeks.

During the first half term we will start by learning and experiencing activities linked to Occupations. To support your child in this topic it would be great if you could discuss what jobs different members of your family have and what your child might wish to be when they grow up. At preschool we are passionate about the children feeling a real sense of self and confidence and feeling secure enough to tell us about their wishes and aspirations. We also encourage them to 'think outside of the box' and appreciate all types of jobs and occupations both in our local community and in the world. We celebrate that all people and the jobs they do are important and valued. This has been particularly highlighted during the last (nearly) two years' pandemic with shop workers, delivery drivers, teachers, nursing home practitioners as well as our wonderful doctors, nurses and paramedics etc all having an important part to play in our lives. We would also be grateful if you could send in any photos of family members at work or in their uniforms or work clothes. We would normally ask for parents to visit and talk about what they do but feel that guidelines around Covid do not allow this at the moment. These photos can be shared through Tapestry or by email and we will share this with the children during our sessions. Thank you so much.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January it was announced by the DfE that Covid practices and restrictions in educational settings will continue until at least the end of January with secondary school pupils now having to wear masks during lessons. I continue to be updated with all current guidelines for Early Years educational settings and current guidelines for Covid measured have not changed, therefore we will continue to encourage parents and carers wear masks when dropping off

and collecting their children and will continue to operate a system of children being collected at the front door. We really hope to be able to allow our parents in again soon. We miss this interaction with you all very much!

### **Latest Preschool News:**

- The latest Covid guidelines can be found on the government website [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). As you may be aware there have been some changes to the guidelines around isolation periods and we will be following these should there be any cases of Covid within our preschool community. We ask everyone to continue to be vigilant and assure you that the staff will be taking LFT's twice weekly as recommended.
- Our new website is now up and running and we hope you have had a chance to look at it on [www.roboroughpreschool.co.uk](http://www.roboroughpreschool.co.uk) We would be very grateful for anyone who wishes to put a review on Google against our setting. This increases the chances of Roborough Preschool coming up on people's searches for preschool's in our area and therefore helps to get our name out there.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- **Term dates for this half term are Monday 10th January to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Half term is from Monday 21<sup>st</sup>-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. We will re-open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

### **Other Preschool information:**

- Please check your child's wellies to ensure they still fit! We will be using these every day this term. Correctly fitting wellies helps us to support the children in putting these on all by themselves to encourage and develop their independence.
- Please check that any preschool uniform and outdoor clothing such as coats and wellies are named.
- Please ensure that grapes are cut in half lengthways and we do not allow peanut butter in our lunches. We also continue to ask that only water is put in to your child's water bottle.
- Don't forget we have a box for any toys brought from home to be put into. **This box will be on the window sill in the cloakroom. The staff will try their best to remember to return these to you at the end of the day.**

As always, thank you for your continued support and please do speak to us if you have any questions or queries regarding anything in our Newsletter or the attachments.

Best Wishes from Marie, Danielle, Lily and Sam.

## Farewell Message

As you all know Lily is expecting a baby very soon!! It is with great joy that she is about to start this new chapter in her life with her husband, Nathan, and we wish both of them love and happiness for the future. This, however, is tinged with some sadness as we say goodbye to Lily whose last day at preschool will be Thursday 27th January. This is our farewell message to her:

"Lily, it has been wonderful getting to know you as we have worked together in preschool over the last few years. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and mature as an Early Years practitioner and your dedication and passion will be greatly missed. You have been a key member of our wonderful preschool team and I know that we value you as a dear friend as well as colleague. The children will also miss you so much and you have been such an important part of their learning and development whilst under your care. We wish you and Nathan a wonderful future together with your imminent new addition to your family and we can't wait to meet baby. We love you Lily!!"

