



## **Tiny Tigers Newsletter - Oct 2018**

### **Halloween dress up days**

On Mon 29<sup>th</sup> and Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Oct the children can attend preschool in their Halloween costumes or any other costumes they would like to wear.

We will also be offering face painting to the children, if you would prefer your child not to have their face painted please could you let a member of staff know on the day.

### **Staff news**

Dionne will be on holiday for the week after half term, all her days are being covered by existing staff and her key children will be looked after by their buddy - Claire I or Lisa.

### **Pets topic**

During our topic on pets we will be having visits from some staff members pets.

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Claire E is bringing in her tortoise

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Dionne is bringing in her rabbits

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Natalie is bringing in her dog

### **Tapestry**

If you are having any problems with accessing your child's tapestry profile or have not yet opened an account please do not hesitate to speak to Claire W.

### **Child collection**

As the weather starts to change we may be unable to take the children in the garden before home time. If this happens we ask that you sit and wait in the entrance hall until the main door to the hall is opened and we will bring your child to you, this is for your child's safety as we will be able to keep tabs on who has been collected.

Please could you make us aware if anyone different will be collecting your child and make sure they know your password.

### **Children In Need**

Tiny Tigers will be supporting Children In Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This year the

children can wear pyjamas to preschool for a donation and will be taking part in lots of children in need fun, as well as making cakes and biscuits to sell to raise money for this very good cause.

## **Winter weather**

Now the colder weather is on the way could you please bring in named wellies , warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves in with your children so we can continue to use the outside area.

*"Schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather. They play a key role in their communities and by staying open help both their pupils and parents."* - **Department for Education**

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service.

As a fundamental principle every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite.

However, if we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, Natalie may have to take the decision to close the Preschool. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via phone call, text message or email.

Please can we ask parents to ensure that their children have named coats, bags, wetsuits, hats and wellies that fit to enable us to continue using our outside space in all weathers.

## **Christmas concert and party**

Our Christmas concert will be at 10.30am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, if your child does not normally attend on a Monday please could you arrive by 10.15am with your child dressed in their costume. If your child attends on a Monday you can arrive as normal but please could you bring their costume in a named carrier bag (emails will be sent out regarding costume/outfit ASAP). All are welcome to stay and watch the concert.

Our Christmas party will be on the last day of term which is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11am if your child normally attends on a Tuesday it will be the normal 9am start but in their party clothes. But if they do not attend then you can drop them off at 10.45am and pick them up from 12.45 to see our special visitor. We will still be open until 3pm for the afternoon session.

There will be a small fee of £4.00 for the party to cover the cost of party food and entertainment.

## **Invoices**

Invoices are given to parents monthly, Please could we remind all parents to pay them within a week of receipt. Please could payments be made directly into Natalie's account using a ref for easy reference of payment.

### **Contact numbers**

If you need to contact the Preschool regarding your child being absent or have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to call on 07563544325

### **Tiny Tigers Website**

Tiny Tigers has a website to keep you updated with information including newsletters, future events etc. the address is [www.tinytigerspreschool.co.uk](http://www.tinytigerspreschool.co.uk)

### **Term dates**

#### **Term 2**

**Starts:** Monday 29th Oct 2018

**Finishes:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

#### **Term 3**

**Starts:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

**Finishes:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

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### **Christmas Party 2018**

I would like.....(child's name) to attend the Christmas party on Tues 18th Dec, please find enclosed £4.00 for party food and entertainment

Signed .....Date.....

Many Thanks  
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## Term 2 - Oct/Nov/Dec 2018 STRIPES Newsletter



Welcome to the STRIPES (Starting Transition Ready In Preparation for Entering School) newsletter. Here you will receive information each term of the activities that we will be undertaking for your older children, and getting them ready for the transition to "big school".

### Routine of the session

- 1.15pm - registration and carpet time to discuss letter sounds and name recognition
- 1.30pm - free play and adult initiated activities including mark making, PE, cooking and ICT sessions
- 2.30pm - tidy up time
- 2.40pm - whole group story time
- 2.50pm - outside play before going home (weather permitted- if not story time will continue)
- 3.00pm - Home time

### Physical development: moving and handling

The children will also take part in PE sessions which will include music and movement as well as taking part in sport activities. When we spoke to the reception teacher at Sedleys she told us that one of the main things the children need to be able to do when they start "big school" is to get changed for PE independently. We therefore ask if you could provide your child with a pair of shorts/tracksuit bottoms, a t shirt and a pair of trainers in a named bag.

Our PE sessions this term will be on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov and Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### Understanding the world: technology

Once every four weeks we have a technology afternoon at preschool for the children to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some ICT equipment, including tablets, remote control toys, cameras, toy electronic keyboards, torches, radios and karaoke machines.

We will also talk about ICT apparatus, what it does, what they can do with it and how to use it safely including how to stay safe when using the internet.

## Literacy: reading

We will be reading the children "Georges Marvellous Medicine" throughout this term and discussing main story settings, events and characters. We will be looking at how the story is structured; beginning, middle and end and think of different ways the story could end. We will be looking at the print, and that in English it is read from left to right and top to bottom.

## Jolly Phonics

We will be looking at linking sounds to letters and hearing initial sounds in words. The following sounds will be covered over this half term:

Week commencing 29th Oct - **e**  
Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - **h**  
Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - **r**  
Week commencing 19th Nov - **m**  
Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - **d**  
Week commencing 3rd Dec - **g**  
Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - **o**  
Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - **u**

The children are taught the main sounds of English, not just the alphabet sounds. With this knowledge they are taken through stages of blending sounds to form words and then to reading. We will concentrate on one letter sound a week and this is delivered through a multi-sensory, active curriculum and therefore suitable for young children. Each letter sound has an accompanying song with actions.

## Literacy: Writing

Lots of children of pre-school age are too young to have established whether they are right or left handed and have not yet developed their motor skills for writing. Learning to write too soon, with incorrect letter formation and pencil grip can hinder their future progress in literacy. You may notice at home that your child will swap hands from left to right and this is known as the "cross over" or "mid point" as they have not yet developed the right and left hemisphere of their brains. Whereas, as adults we move the paper, children have not reached that concept and will move their hands. Therefore, during our Friday afternoon sessions we encourage the development of fine motor skills through a combination of gross motor skills activities such as drawing, painting, colouring, tracing, threading, cutting, construction, play dough, streamers with music and model making.

We hope that you find the above information helpful and please encourage any activities with your children at home. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Friday afternoon sessions please come and speak with Natalie or Claire W.