 **Tiny Tigers Newsletter – Sept 2021**

Welcome back to the first term of the new school year. We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are all rested and ready for a new term. We would also like to say hello to our new children starting, as well as our children returning to Tiny Tigers.

Class DoJO and tapestry

Please could we remind you to sign up for our Class DoJo, all parents should of received an email with a link to sign up.

You will also be receiving an email containing a link to sign up to tapestry (our online learning journal). Please ensure you sign up to this service so you can view your childs observations and photos during their time at tiny tigers.

Water bottles

From September we are having a strict water only policy therefore we ask that you send your child in with water only please (no squash) this applies to packed lunches too. We also ask that only one treat should be given alongside a healthy packed lunch.

Toilet training

Please can we ask that only children that are being potty trained are put in pull ups, as it makes it difficult and time consuming for staff to change children when they are wearing them instead of nappies.

Children’s bags

We ask that the children’s string bags be kept at the setting and we will inform you when nappies, change of clothes etc need replenishing.

Invoices

Invoices are given to parents monthly, Please could we remind all parents to pay them within a week of receipt. Could payments please be made via bacs using a ref for easy reference of payment.

Contact numbers/emails

If you need to contact the Preschool regarding absences or have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to call our mobile number on 07563544325 or contact us via Dojo.

COVID SAFETY PROCEDURES WITHIN TINY TIGERS PRE-SCHOOL

Keeping children and staff safe is our utmost priority, please see below safety measures that

will be in place within the pre-school.

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Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have

coronavirus ( COVID-19) symptoms,do not attend the setting.

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Use of face coverings where necessary (eg. If a child or adult within the setting

displays any symptoms of coronavirus)

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Clean hands thoroughly regularly as part of our daily routine.

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Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.

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Continue enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often

using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.

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Staff will continue to take lateral flow testing, twice weekly.

If your child displays any Covid-19 Symptoms or has tested positive they MUST NOT come to

pre-school. They must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or date of positive

test if no symptoms are present.

Your child must not attend pre-school if they develop any of the following symptoms (Please

self-isolate and book a PCR test):

· a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not

need to measure your temperature)

· a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more

coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

· a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot

smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please note that any children displaying the above symptoms in pre-school will be sent

home and will need to get a PCR test.

Changes to Isolation Requirements

You are probably aware that rules surrounding isolation have changed significantly. From

August 16th, children and fully vaccinated adults no longer need to isolate if they are either

a household member or a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. This means that, as a

pre-school, we will no longer have to identify close contacts of a positive case. If a member

of your household has tested positive, please book a PCR test for all household members

before returning to pre-school as advised by government guidance.

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Arrivals and departures

To help prevent the transmission of Covid-19 we will continue with our usual drop off and

collection procedures. Please line up in the school playground (nearest to the wall side) until

a Tiny Tigers member of staff is present at the arrival gate at 09.00am when children may be

dropped off and handed over to a member of staff who will greet the children and take them

into the pre-school classroom. I appreciate that our new joiners may be reluctant to be

dropped off without being accompanied by a parent, therefore if any child finds this

distressing please feel free to come into our outdoor playground area until your child feels

comfortable for you to leave.

Lunch time collection (12.00pm/13.00pm)

If your collection time is either 12.00pm and 13.00pm, please wait outside the main gate

(roadside) for your child to be brought out to you by a member of staff.

Collection time 15.00pm

Please line up on the ramp outside the main school office. Children will be escorted by staff

members to line up adjacent to the school office within the playground area. Children will

be released one at a time to parents on arrival.

Security

Enhanced security measures have recently been installed therefore should you arrive late in

the morning, you will be required to press the Tiny Tigers buzzer on arrival and again on

departure in order to gain entrance and exit of the school premises.

One way system

Please may a remind you the school has a one way driving system in place. Please can you

ensure you exit Stack Lane by using Carmelite Way (the first road on your left hand side.)

Many thanks for your co-operation. Should you have any further questions please do not

hesitate to contact Natalie.

**Term dates Sept 2021 – July 2022**

**Term 1 –** Mon 6th Sept – Fri 22nd Oct

**Term 2 –** Mon 1st Nov – Fri 17th Dec

**Term 3 –** Tues4th Jan – Fri 11th Feb

**Term 4 –** Mon 21st Feb – Fri 1st April

**Term 5 –** Wed 20th April – Fri 27th May – Mon 2nd May – Bank holiday

**Term 6 –** Mon6th June – Thurs 21st July

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**Term 1 – 2021 STRIPES Newsletter**

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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 etc

1.30pm – free play

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 a reception teacher 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 to be left at preschool.

**Literacy: reading**

We will be reading the children “The BFG” 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.

**Letters and sounds**

Letters and Sounds is a phonics resource published by the Department for Education and Skills in 2007. It aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. It sets out a detailed and systematic programme for teaching phonic skills for children starting by the age of five, with the aim of them becoming fluent readers by age seven.

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| *Phase One* (Nursery/Reception) | Activities are divided into seven aspects, including environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body sounds, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds and finally oral blending and segmenting. |

**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.