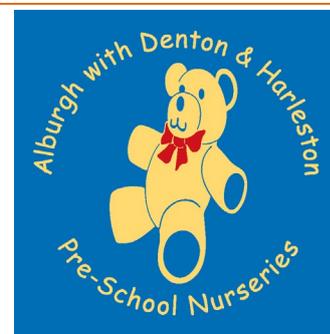


NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

The term ends on the 26th March 2021, the half term holiday club is from 15th to the 19th February 2021.

The cost for the holiday club is £3.40 per hour; if you have any banked hours remaining from your child's funding entitlement, you can use these hours in the holiday club also.

If you require any days for your child/ren, please add their names to the list in the cloakroom. Our opening times are 8-4.30pm. We have 15 spaces each day during the holidays so book early to avoid disappointment.



A warm welcome to you all and a Happy New Year to you all, and let us hope that 2021 is a kinder, happier and healthier year for us all. Sadly, as COVID-19 is still a growing concern, your patience during pickups and drop offs will still be required, and your careful attention towards social distancing will help us to keep our children safe. We are required to limit adults from entering the building wherever possible, which we are aware may make it difficult for our staff to chat to you about your child's day. Please feel free to either phone or email the setting or ask to speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns, worries or queries, as we can always find a safe place to chat.

As space is always going to be an issue now, due to social distancing, please can you ensure that only one adult accompanies a child into the conservatory area to assist your child, during drop off or collection.

Transitions into preschool

We will continue to try as much as possible to support parents settling in their children, we appreciate that all young children transitioning into our nursery and their families need to feel safe and nurtured. However, we also must adhere to the Government guidance; if you would like to stay for a few minutes to enable your child to feel secure before you leave, please, wash your hands on arrival and then you can spend a short time outside in our garden area with your child until you are ready to leave. We know this is not ideal but until the virus is under control, we must all work together to keep us all safe.

Funding

If you think that your child may be eligible for 2 year or 30 hr funding, and you would like more information about this; there is more information on our website or stop and ask to speak to a member of staff. You will need to apply online and if funding is agreed, you will receive a code which you will need to bring along to the preschool along with your NI number and Date of Birth. All funding entitlement can be stretch across the year to include the school holidays.

Any concerns

The pre-school email address is info@harlestonpreschoolnursery.co.uk if you have any concerns or queries at the end of the day, I am always happy for you to drop me an e-mail. Children talk about their day and the events and experiences that impact on them, information can become muddled and confusing at times. A quick e-mail can often put minds at rest or help to address problems which may arise if matters are left unsaid.

Feeling unwell

If your child is not feeling well, please do not bring them into preschool until you are sure that it is not covid related. You can arrange for a simple test at; <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> children can return to the preschool as soon as you receive a negative result.

During this most recent upsurge in the Covid virus, it has been reported that there are additional symptoms in children suffering from the virus so as well as, a cough and high temperature and loss of sense of smell or taste. Other possible symptoms are a sore throat and diarrhoea, headaches, loss of appetite, runny nose and earache.

We appreciate that whilst there are still many childhood illnesses which also have similar symptoms to the Covid 19 virus. We do need to remain vigilant and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we will be asking parents not to bring in their child to preschool unless they are well enough to attend.

We provide the children the chance to learn and develop both inside and outside, children are able to flow freely as they play, connecting with the outside world and the beautiful seasons that we are so lucky to experience. However, it is important that the children are dressed according to the weather and in clothes that stand up to the mess of the day.

Please remember to bring a coat (preferably not a new one) or waterproofs for your child to wear. At least one change of clothing is also helpful (vital if your child loves messy or water play).

Emergency contact numbers

if you have recently changed your telephone number or postal or email address, please can you let us know so that we can update our records. It is important, particularly in the case of an emergency that staff at the preschool can contact you immediately and we need the correct numbers to do this.

Attached to this newsletter is an evaluation form which we would appreciate it if you could find some time to fill in. Evaluating the service that we provide to our children and their families is an important part of our nursery's development and your feed back will enable us as a team to improve our service. If you are a new parent, perhaps you could keep the evaluation form safe, and fill it in once you feel ready to comment. Please hand the completed form into a member of staff.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for your continued support and I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the closure of the holiday club for 2 days over Christmas. This was not a decision taken lightly however I was conscious that there had been a number of covid-19 cases in our local area, it was decided that the preschool should remain shut after Christmas day to ensure our staff and children remained safe and ready to start back in January 2021.

Kind regards Jayne