



Spring Newsletter

24th January 2019

Issue 3

Welcome back to the start of our Spring term. We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and Happy New Year to you all. We have loved hearing about the children's Christmas break and about all the things they received from Father Christmas! We have a busy and exciting half term ahead of us with our visits to Trull Primary school for our Forest School sessions, we will be learning about healthy eating and living, we will also be celebrating the Chinese New Year and of course Valentine's Day. We have had an amazing start to the new term with 6 new starters and the children have been fantastic as usual in welcoming Charlie, Daisy, Ella-Rose, Lilly-Mae, Maisie and Samuel into Preschool life.

Some great news we will be using the Forest School area in Trull Primary School more frequently as Mrs Wedlake has given us one of the raised beds in this area to do some planting. We will also be using the mud kitchen in this area too so lots of mud pie cooking yummy!! Please can we ask that you make sure your child has a coat and hat every day and if possible leave a pair of wellie boots for your child in setting so that we can use this area as much as possible.

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **NUT FREE zone** at our Preschool so please make sure that any fruit bars do not contain nuts and also please **no** Nutella or peanut butter fillings for the children's sandwiches, and we also promote healthy eating in our Preschool, therefore please only healthy snacks for snack time and in our lunch boxes. Many thanks for your co-operation on this matter

Themes & Activities

Weeks commencing:

7th January & 14th January

New Year – In our first week back we have made calendars for 2019 which the children made their seasonal trees look beautiful. They also have made some seasonal wheels. The children told us all about their presents they received from Father Christmas and how much fun they had playing with all their gifts.

21st January

Healthy Eating – In our home corner we have had the Greengrocer shop set up, all the children have had a great time taking turns being shop keeper and customer. The children have had lots of fun putting vegetables in paper bags and taking them out again, how much fun can you have with a paper bag!

28th January

Healthy Living – We will be focusing on how to keep ourselves healthy and active and will be observing the effects that exercise has on our bodies, in addition to exploring different ways of moving. We will also be discussing the importance of eating healthy foods. We would also like to try different healthy foods and we would be grateful for parent donations of different fruits or vegetables that are ready to eat. We will also focus on important aspects of self-care such as hygiene and hand washing.

4th February

Chinese New Year – We will be celebrating the Year of the Pig by setting up a Chinese restaurant/kitchen in our role play area and we will discuss different customs relating to this festival. There will be many different craft opportunities such as Chinese lanterns and dragons and we also hope to taste some Chinese food.

11th February

Valentine's Week – This week we will be focusing on people that are special to us and we will enjoy lots of craft activities around this theme.

Announcements

Vacancy

We currently have a position available:

- Relief Practitioner – to cover absence/sickness - no qualification necessary

If you would like an application form and full job description for this position please contact katymorey@trullpreschool.co.uk

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in setting then please email katymorey@trullpreschool.co.uk We will need to process you for an enhanced DBS check.

Invoices

The Spring 1st half term invoice have been sent out last Monday 14th January, **payment** is due by **Monday 28th January**. Please make sure invoices are paid promptly otherwise a late payment fee will apply.

Important Dates

January

Mon 7 th	Back to Preschool
Mon 21 st	Forest School
Tues 29 th	Forest School

February

Tues 5 th	Chinese New Year
Weds 6 th	Forest School
Thurs 14 th	Forest School
Thurs 14 th	Valentines Day
Fri 15 th	Break up for Half Term
Mon 25 th	Inset Day
Tues 26 th	Back to Preschool

March

Fri 1 st	Forest School
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Fundraising

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December, we can now tell you the total amount raised was £786.85.

Christmas Accessory/Jumper Week

Thank you to all the children who dressed up in this week you all looked amazing, you raised £35.94.

Coin Tubes

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill the Christmas coin tubes, the amount raised that week was £19.44.

Decorate your own Advent Calendar

We hope all the children enjoyed decorating their own advent calendar as much as eating all the chocolates, thank you to Liz Snailham who donated them to the Preschool. The amount raised from the sale of these was £70

Nativity Collection

A massive thank you to all the children who took part in our Christmas Nativity you were fantastic! Thank you very much for your kind generosity after the Nativity, the total money raised from the collection at the end of the Nativity was £128.61.

Thank you to all who have supported us over the Autumn term. The money you have helped raise has allowed us to buy a new Tablet, painting easel, laptop, training, are just a few items purchased and we will be purchasing wheelbarrows, gardening equipment and revamping the outside area.

January Bring & Buy

Thank you to all who came and supported this event on Saturday 5th January 2019. This is a yearly event where chosen charities benefit from all of the proceeds made. This year our Preschool and Escape were the chosen charities. Our Preschool received £610.23 from this fund and a further £9.39 was donated to our Fund pot. A big thank you to Alli Saltrese for nominating our charity to benefit from this event.

Reminders

Forest School

Please make sure all children have the appropriate clothing and footwear to take part in forest school. Coats, hats, gloves, waterproofs and wellies.

Healthy Snacks

Please remember to pack healthy snacks & lunchboxes for your child & remember 1 snack for morning and 1 snack for the afternoon, please note we are a **Nut Free Zone**.



Clothes & Labelling

Please remember to bring spare clothes and a coat for your child on a daily basis. Please make sure everything is clearly labelled.



Absences

If your child is unwell or unable to attend one of their sessions please can you call/email the Preschool to inform us of their absence preferably before 9am.

01823 334774 or info@trullpreschool.co.uk

Website & Facebook page

www.trullpreschool.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Trullsaplingspreschool

Facebook Closed Group

Search for Trull Saplings Preschool on Facebook and request to join our closed group page, this is only for our parents who have children who attend our Preschool. This page has all the latest notices, important dates for your diary, fundraising activities and updates on what has been happening in Preschool.

Fundraising Opportunities

Easyfundraising

Please help raise funds for the Preschool every time you shop. Copy this link to start raising money for our cause:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/trullpresc/>

My Name Tags

Purchase your colour sticker name tags with www.mynametags.com for clothing & equipment. The Preschool will receive 20% of the total amount purchased, please remember to enter our Preschool ID when ordering this is the number: **83797**

Phonemes & Colours of the Week

Week Commencing	Phoneme	Colour
07/01/19	Ss	Green
14/01/19	Aa	Red
21/01/19	Tt	Yellow
28/01/19	li	Blue
04/02/19	Pp	Pink
11/02/19	Nn	Purple
Half Term Break		