



Newsletter April 2021

Hello and welcome back to Preschool. There are two new faces in the preschool, Mrs Thompson, a qualified early childhood educator, is volunteering her time two days a week. Miss Olivia McKinney is on student placement.

This is our last term and we continue to adhere to Covid-19 regulations. The preschool session time remains 9.10 – 11.30 to facilitate additional cleaning after session. Please remember to read Newsletters and source our website www.highkirkplaygroup.co.uk

Attendance and Absenteeism

Children in their pre-school year benefit from good attendance. Consistent attendance aids your child's development in all areas of the curriculum. Furthermore pre-school funded placements are anonymously monitored by the Education Authority.

If your child is unwell the normal exclusion conditions apply. However if your child is not sick, and they have a pre-school funded placement, there is an expectation that they will attend for the 5 days funded by the Education Authority.

Please read Managing Pupil Attendance Policy – available on our website. If you have any questions please contact Mrs L Dempsey.

Healthy Break – Please send your child in with one piece of fruit each week.

Theme – Spring and New Beginnings

Colour – Yellow

Shape – revisit all shapes

Photographer – Friday 30th April 2021. Social distancing rules will be adhered to. The purchase of the photographs is a contract between parent/carer and CS MOMENTS. If you do/do not want your child's photograph taken on this date please send a text stating

BOOK TRUST – preschool pupils only will receive a Bookstart Treasure pack donated by the Book Trust. This will contain a book for your child and an information booklet and ideas for parents/carers.

I do want my child's photograph taken or I do not want my child's photograph taken

Fees – Mornings are very busy so please secure payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name and fees clearly marked. **All fees prior to Easter Holidays and April's fees are now due.** Preschool children £12.00 to be paid. Pre-pre-school children are £8.00 per day. Thank you.

Fees for uniforms – not all fees have been received. Please pay for uniforms before Friday 16th April 2021. Thank you.

Clothing

Please send your child in each day with appropriate outdoor clothing. The children will be learning about planting and the care of seeds and plants. The planting can be quite messy!!!!

Parking at drop off and pick up times – please park away from the entrance and be mindful of parents/carers/pupils walking towards the entrance and parents/carers/pupils walking away from the entrance. When reversing/driving out of parking spaces be mindful of those walking or still standing during drop-off and collection.

At collection time staff are not walking out to parents/carers and the children will be walking towards their parent/carer. With this in mind please, when driving after collection, drive slowly and be vigilant of those who are still walking towards their car with their child or those who are walking towards the gate and footpath. Thank you.

Nature Table - We would appreciate contributions of plants, herbs, items collected from walks.

Bank Holiday Monday - Closed Monday 3rd May 2021