



Welcome back to Pre-School everyone, it seems hard to be upbeat and optimistic in such tremendously difficult times. but we are clinging to the hope that better times are ahead. We very much hope you managed to have a happy Christmas with your families and you are all keeping well both physically and mentally. It seems there are so many things to be fearful of and we appreciate on top of the huge worry the virus has brought some of our families may be experiencing financial worry on top of everything else. We are always here if you need any advice or support, if this terrible time has taught us anything it is that kindness and being there for each other is more poignant than ever. Never be afraid to say you need help in whatever way that may be.

The team try really hard to make your children's time at Longham as happy as we can, all the children seem completely oblivious to the hundreds of trips to wash and gel their hands and the sight of people in face masks, we wouldn't want it any other way and we are so proud of our amazing resilient children. We have taken the decision not to wear full PPE and masks in Pre-School. We are still rigorously cleaning all toys, and leaving any toys that have been played with for 72 hours before using them again. Windows and the main door are left open to keep the room well ventilated and we are still not allowing visitors into the main room. If you have any friends or family that may want to start their child with us we are doing very modified show arounds and we would welcome any enquiries.

As always we are here for you, stay well and try and keep smiling xxxx ♥

With the high volume of users on Tapestry due to many schools using the site for their online learning we have been experiencing problems publishing observations. Please bear with us if observations do not appear or appear at funny times. Thank you.

Please can you ensure coats and items such as hats and gloves are named, please also try to ensure your child knows what their wellies, hats, gloves etc look like too! We also ask you to check that your child's bag has a change of clothes in it, when it comes home at the weekend. We are trying to keep the room as ventilated as possible with the door and windows open, this does mean the room is quite chilly so it would be great if the children were layered up when they come into Pre-School.

We appreciate rules and regulations are changing daily, in regards to COVID restrictions.

We want to reassure you that we hear about changes and closures when you do. At the time of writing this letter we will remain open to ALL children. Dorset have not changed their stance

and WILL NOT be giving funding to those children who are staying at home. However the Early Learning Alliance are currently in talks regarding this matter and other issues that are directly effecting Early years providers.

Thank you so,so much for your phenomenal support with our Christmas raffle and auction. We raised an amazing £1,196.00, we cant thank you enough xx

Term Dates

Spring Term 2021

Half Term Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Term Ends Wednesday 16th December-

Term Ends Thursday 1st April
Easter holiday Friday 2nd April – Monday 19th April

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts Tuesday 20th April 2021

Half Term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Term Ends Wednesday 14th July

Staff Training day Monday 19th April 2021