



## Monthly Newsletter – July 2024

Please read the following newsletter to keep up to date with upcoming events, Pre-School news and information about what the children have been up to!

### Key dates for your diary

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - First Day back

### Children going to school

We can't believe it's that time of year again! We are so proud of our leavers this year. They have been a fantastic group of children and so much fun to be with. We will miss them all next year and we wish each and every one all the best for their next exciting adventures. By now you should have received the link for the Tapestry Learning journals. Please let me know if you haven't ASAP so I can sort it out.

### Younger group

We hope the children that will be with us still in September have a wonderful summer full of fun. Please upload any pictures on Tapestry so we can see what you have been up to! We have now confirmed all sessions for September. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to Pre-School from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. See you then!

### Nell Bank 2024



## GOVERNMENT FUNDING FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Please see below a summary of the various funding schemes available.

### Working families entitlement funding

The *new working families entitlement* for 2 year olds came into effect from April this year. Eligible families can access 15 free hours over 38 weeks per year.

3-4 year olds of eligible families can access an additional 15 hours over 38 weeks.

Parents must apply to HMRC for an eligibility code and re-confirm it every 3 months:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). \*You must apply before the end of August – email the office if have any questions.

### Terrific Twos

A 15 hour entitlement for families meeting the free school meals criteria or low income families earning under £16190 and claiming working tax credit. Other criteria may be applicable. Please visit [www.bradford.gov.uk/fis](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/fis) to check if you think you may be eligible.

### Universal Entitlement

All children from the term after their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours per week of early education for 38 weeks of the year.

### Tax-free childcare

Working parents may be eligible to register for tax-free childcare. You can benefit from up to £2000.00 per year for each of your children to help towards your childcare costs. If you are eligible, you need to set up an online childcare account through the government website. For every £8.00 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2.00 for you to use to pay your childcare provider. The website you need to visit for more information and to set up your account is [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### The Application Process for Government funding

All parents have been given a parent agreement form to claim for funding. If you haven't already, please complete and return it to us at your earliest convenience to enable us to process the claim on your behalf.

## Fees 2024/25

The committee and management team have reviewed fees for next year. You are all aware costs continue to rise and once again National Living wage increased sharply in April - by 10% this year. Unfortunately, Pre-School has made a significant loss this year and therefore we have made the difficult decision to increase fees. Our priority as always is to maintain the high standard of care for your children by our dedicated and highly experienced staff team. We have tried to keep the rise in fees as minimal as possible. If you are struggling to pay, please speak to Helen or Sarah.

### Fees from September 2024

Early Bird Session (drop off at 8:45)	£2:50
Additional services (eg snack, special events, consumables)	£2:00 per hour <i>(Charges for additional services are applicable to funded sessions only).</i>
Hourly rate	£8:50

## Bye-Bye Class of 2024



### **Committee News**

We would like to say a big thank you to the committee this year. Without a committee Pre-School would be unable to open, so we are especially grateful to those parents who have given their free time to help support us.

Our wonderful Chair (Von Burkinshaw) has agreed to stay on next year. However we will be waving farewell to Eleonor, Abbey and Amelia as they leave and head to big school.

In September we will be holding our annual AGM where we will need to vote in a new treasurer and secretary, along with other committee and fundraiser members. If you would like to be involved – please message Von on 07977450432. Thank you.