



Monthly Newsletter – March 2025

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

Toddler Group – Friday 4th April

Easter holiday - Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April (Open again on Tuesday 22nd April)

Easter Egg Hunt - Tuesday 22nd April 2:30. All welcome.

Half Term – Monday 26th May – Friday 30st May

Last month we had fun... exploring real-life superheroes through engaging activities, role-play, and creative expression. From firefighters and police officers to vets, doctors, lifeguards, and everyday heroes, they discovered the vital roles these professionals play in our community.

They learned about fire safety, created fire engine paintings, and tackled an exciting “fire rescue” obstacle course. During police week, they engaged in role-play and badge-matching games. Vets week saw them caring for soft toy animals, while learning about doctors, nurses, and dentists included practicing brushing skills and a visit from a dental nurse. Their journey continued with lifeguards and rescue workers, bringing water play rescue missions and floating and sinking experiments to life! Finally, we celebrated the everyday heroes in our lives with special cards created in their honour.



In April we will be...

Asking — What helps us grow? What do animals need to grow? How do plants grow?

Reading — The Enormous Turnip, Jack and the Beanstalk, Jasper's Beanstalk

Singing - Down at the station, Humpty Dumpty, London's Burning, Bouncing up and down on a Big Red Tractor, Little Peter Rabbit.

Exploring — Healthy eating. We will be looking at what plants need to grow and growing some of our own. We will also be exploring how animals grow up, especially lifecycles of frogs and butterflies.

How you can help — Can you spot any stop signs? We have been looking at road signs and we are working on STOP for road safety. Can you spot any STOP signs out and about?



Other News

Easter Events in Ilkley.

Ilkley Library will have Easter Crafts available for children aged 3 to 10 years on Monday, 14 April from 2pm to 4pm.

Mini Kicks

Thank you to those who returned the Mini Kicks forms, we had lots of interest. We have confirmed weekly sessions on a Wednesday morning starting after Easter. If you would like to join but have not yet sent your form back, let me know and I will sort your space.

Socks!

We have run out of spare socks in Pre-School, as many pairs have been borrowed but not returned. If you happen to have any extra socks at home, we would greatly appreciate any donations to our sock drawer. Additionally, please ensure your child has at least one full change of clothes available at Pre-School. While we do our best, we cannot guarantee they'll stay clean and dry throughout the day. Messy play is all part of the learning experience!

Suncream

With the sun starting to make an appearance, it's important for children to wear suncream. Please ensure your child arrives at Pre-School with suncream already applied in the morning. We will reapply it at lunchtime. Pre-School provides Factor 50 suncream from Gomples. If you would prefer your child to use a different suncream, please send it in a clearly labelled bottle.

Summer Term Changes

Following our recent committee meeting we have now agreed the following changes.

Our opening hours for the Summer Term are:

Monday — 8:15am — 3:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday — 8:15am — 5:15pm

Friday — 8:45am — 3:00pm

Please let us know if you haven't already if you would like to make use of the extended sessions.

Due to the increased cost of National Insurance and Minimum Wage the committee have also made the difficult decision to increase our private rate to £9:00 an hour.

Committee News

The Ilkley Carnival is taking place during the morning of Monday 5th May and Pre-School will once again be taking part!

The overall theme for this year's carnival is "Ilkley's Past, Present and Future", with Pre-School's theme being "When I grow up...". The idea being that the children can dress up as what they would like to be when they're older.

All children who attend Pre-School are invited to take part - each child needs to have an adult walk with them in the carnival (and of course, dress up!)

If you would like your child to be involved in the carnival parade, please could you send a message to Von (Ruby's Mummy) on 07977450432.

It is hoped that with the theme we've chosen this year, most families will be able to sort out their own costume for their child depending on their choice of future job/wish of what they'd like to be; but we will need some things made to bring our group together and explain to the crowd our theme. If you would like to get involved in the crafting, please let us know!

Easy Fundraising



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