



# Newsletter – Autumn term 2019

**Welcome** to a new preschool year, we hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We would like to welcome all the new children and their families to Lindley Preschool we are sure everyone will make them feel welcome. The children are all settling in well and are enjoying exploring the activities on offer. We have lots of exciting activities between now and Christmas, including family learning events that you can get involved with, please check out the dates for your diary section for more information. Please use our 'little lending library', it is situated on the windowsill on the stairs, we are hoping to extend this to include story sacks and funky fingers bags, watch this space for further information. To find out how we can best meet the needs of your child(ren) we will be sending out a parent/Carer questionnaire before October half term it is essential that it is filled in and returned to ensure we can support the development of the children and the preschool.

We would also like to welcome Amanda to the preschool team. Amanda is an experienced level 3 qualified Early Years Practitioner and will be working part time.

**Please note all future news letters will be sent via email using the email address provided on the registration forms.**



Our family board is filling up, the children have enjoyed looking at photos of their friends and their families. If you would like a family photo on our family board please send a photo in to preschool, alternatively you can email a photo or post/message our Facebook like page 'Lindley pre school'



All parents & carers will have access to their own child(rens) online Learning journal. We use tapestry. Please look out for new observations on tapestry and remember that you can contribute to. If your child is new to preschool, please look out for an email from tapestry that will explain what you need to do to log in to your child's learning journey, you will receive this email within the next 2 weeks.

**\*\*Free childcare\*\* Did you know you can get up to 30 free hours childcare per week? That means your child could attend preschool full time for free!**

Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free early education and childcare are government schemes to help parents with the cost of childcare. Both schemes can be applied for through a single online application. To see if you are entitled please use the link below. If you are unsure, please see Sally. **\*\*Please apply or renew now to ensure you get a free place in January 2020\*\*** <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/childcare-and-early-education/30-hours-free-childcare.aspx>

We have linked with Lindley out of school club to provide a wrap around service for families requiring childcare before and after preschool hours. Please ask for more details.



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We are putting in a uniform order on 28th September. The t-shirts are £5.50 and the jumpers are £9.50, they come in an array of colours, a selection are displayed under the notice boards in the preschool. Please see a member of staff for an order form if you would like to purchase uniform.



**Mobile phone policy** – could we please remind all parents/carers that we operate a mobile phone free zone and would appreciate it if you did not use your phone in the main playroom. This is a part of our policy and reflects the statutory welfare and safeguarding requirements set out in the early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). Thank you for your continued co-operation.



**Wonderful Woodland play area.** The children have loved exploring our new woodland space, last term we explored the rules of the woodland, built dens, made bird food, planted seeds and plants, hunted for mini beasts, chilled in the hammock, used our wonderful imaginations, went on bear hunts, went on Gruffalo hunts, had picnics, climbed, ran, played hide and seek and learned how to use the outdoor woodchip toilet! Our Autumn term woodland sessions will start week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**Wonderful woodland holiday club.** We had a fabulous, fun filled days outside exploring the woodland area and our local area during the summer holidays. We will be opening on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October for a spooky woodland holiday club, if you would like to book your child in please see Becky or Sally.

Please use our 'little lending library', it is situated on the window sill on the stairs, the children have helped us to update the books on offer. This service is provided on the trust you bring the books back for others to enjoy to. For the families who have used the library already we would welcome your feedback 😊



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**A Huge thank you!** Thank you to everyone who donated items from our Bee Kind board last term. Items donated helped to enhance the learning opportunities we provide for your children. If you would like to donate this term, please take a bee from the board and bring the bee back to preschool along with the item. Thank you in advance for your continued support and kindness.



**Clothes** Now the weather is getting weather and colder, please send your children to preschool with suitable clothing including a warm coat & wellies that are labelled with your child's name. Please ensure you send spare clothes to preschool that are named in case they get wet. Thank you for your co-operation.



**Packed Lunch** Please can you not send any nuts or products containing nuts in your child's packed lunches. We ask that all packed lunches be based on the School Food standards (appendix 1) and **should** include the following:

- Fruit and Vegetables - at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables or salad.
- A non-dairy source of protein – this could be meat, fish, egg, beans or pulses, such as lentils, kidney
- beans, chickpeas, hummus or falafel.
- A starchy food like bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other types of cereals.
- Dairy foods such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.
- Drinks - only healthy drinks, such as water, 100% pure fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk,
- yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies should be included

To keep packed lunches in line with the food based standards for school meals, packed lunches **should not** include:

- Chocolate bars (chocolate covered biscuits or cake bars are acceptable once or twice a week)
- Other confectionery such as sweets and chewing gum
- Fizzy or sugary drinks
- Fruit flavoured squash drinks such as Ribena, Fruit Shoot or Capri Sun, Diet or energy drinks which
- contain high levels of Caffeine and other additives, and are not suitable for children, fast food items such as KFC & McDonalds are not acceptable



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\*\*\*\*\*This term we will be celebrating\*\*\*\*\*

Birthdays, bring a stick to school day, world mental health day, Diwali, bonfire night & Christmas,

If there are any special festivals or celebrations your child will be celebrating over the next half term, please tell their keyperson.



## Dates for your diary

- Family Autumn walk – Tuesday 2nd October 9.15am – 10.15am
- Family Breakfast at WYVale Garden Centre – Wednesday 4th December 9.30 – 11.00
- Family Festive Crafts day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15-11.00 am or 12.45-1.45
- Children's Christmas Party – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Term Dates 2019/2020	
October half term	Close ~Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Open ~Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Holidays	Close ~ Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Open ~ Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
February half term	Close – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February Open – Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter Holiday	Close – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Open – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Closed - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (rather than Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June) to mark the VE Day Anniversary
Spring Bank Holiday	Close – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May Open – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Summer Holiday	Close – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – at 12noon
Inset/training days 2019/2020	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February