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SPRING TERM 2021 EDITION 1
11/01/21

WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carers,



Welcome back, Spring Term has arrived albeit slightly complex for all, as everyone struggles to make sense of the best and safest way forward for their individual families following the surge in the virus and lockdown.

Although we have had to modify the amount of children we have in on certain days, we are here for you and doing the best we can. Rest assured your children are well looked after and staff are working hard to maintain daily cleaning routines and promote good personal hygiene practices with the children. Please keep social distancing, wear masks on drop off and collection and only bring your child to preschool if they are 100% fit and healthy. Thank you.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Please welcome Katie the newest member of our preschool team. Katie will be working on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are confident that her transition will be seamless and the children will gravitate towards her warm and nurturing nature.



NEW FAMILIES

This term we have been able to welcome Joshua, Milana, Matilda, Hendrix and Arthur we hope your journey with us is a fun and memorable one!

BAD WEATHER CLOSURE PROCEDURE



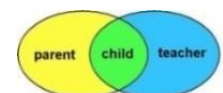
In the instance of snowy weather, we may need to close Horringer Preschool. If your child is due to attend that day, before leaving home, either check your emails, our private Facebook page or our website to find out if we are open or closed.

SELF CARE AND ROUTINES

Settling your children into preschool life again after the Christmas break is a priority. We encourage them to follow routines and the expectations of the setting. We have lots of visual resources to help the children's understanding and staff adapt their communication techniques to suit individual ages and stages of development.



Every day we help your children to become confident and independent in their self-care. Giving your child **TIME** to dress themselves is very important. Give them tasks to do, finding a 'pair' of their shoes and having a go at putting them on. Maybe tidying up their mess, washing hands, encourage them to undo/do up zips and buttons and hang their own belongings on their peg. Don't forget lots of positivity and praise, it goes a long way. Together we can achieve more...



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Our weekly Home Learning Hub will continue for children who are at home or at preschool. Dip into it for ideas that will support preschool curriculum and enhance your child's learning.

LUNCH CLUB



Horringer Pre-school has a healthy eating policy and is a **NUT FREE** setting. **WATER** only in named bottles please.

Please keep it simple, children can get overwhelmed with a lot of food in their lunch box. If packing yoghurts please also pack a spoon.



THE CURRICULUM

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

We are following the children's love of stories at the moment and concentrating on familiar books. We often use 'playful story telling' which involves a prop box, basket or story sack. This can help children who find it difficult to sit still or listen, making it a great hands-on tactile experience for all developmental stages. Repeating stories helps children develop their rhyme and alliteration skills.

W/C 11.11.21 ROOM ON A BROOM: Children will enjoy the story throughout the week. Tactile opportunities such as magic potions, brooms made out of twigs and crafts will be on offer. Catch it on BBC Iplayer in your own homes.

W/C 18.01.21 BABIES and OURSELVES: Many of our families have recently had a baby which is such joyous news. We thought we would spend time looking at a baby's needs and how they grow into a pre-schooler! Role play, books and songs such as Head Shoulders Knees and Toes will be key learning strategies.

W/C 25.01.21 WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT
We will have fun making caves, acting out the story and making props and puppets. By repeating the story, we will highlight details, emotions, sounds and sights that arise in the book. The story is On Demand All 4 to watch with your family.

W/C 01.02.21 THE GINGERBREAD MAN: Why not have a go at making Gingerbread men this week...we are! We will also make ginger playdough promoting science and sensory aspects to activities. Our Gingerbread Man Chatterbox will encourage conversation around the story.

W/C 08.02.21 THE CHINESE NEW YEAR: This year is the year of the Ox. We will sample traditions and foods and try out some dragon dancing. Your children can watch the story on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-chinesenewyearperformance>

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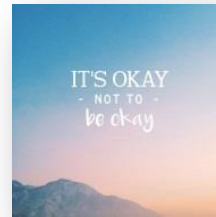


If you haven't already, why not join our **Private** 'Horringer Preschool' Facebook Page where only members can see the content

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/15981963744>

[4068](#) Or follow our public Instagram Page

#horringerpreschool We post useful information about preschool and our Home Learning Hub. It is also a good place for families to share ideas and conversation.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

EASY FUNDRAISING

Shopping online during lockdown?

With Easy fundraising Horringerpreschool gets a donation when you do your online shop - just do it via Easy Fundraising!

Just click on the link below to create an account then remember to go via Easyfundraising when you want to shop

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/horringerps> at no extra cost to you!

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2020

Begins 4th January 2021 to 26th March 2021

Half Term 15th February 2021 to 19th

February 2021

Summer Term 2020

Begins 12th April 2021 to 20th July 2021

Half Term 31st May 2021 to 4th June 2021

Please note: There is a staff Professional Development (PD) day on 28th May 2021

Take Care

Stephie

HORRINGER PRE-SCHOOL LEADER