



Duxford Preschool Newsletter October 2018

Welcome to the Duxford Preschool newsletter! We send out a newsletter every half term to let parents know what we are getting up to and any events or important information you may need. This half term we will be doing lots of fun things around our topic of 'All about me and my family'. We will be getting to know each other and what makes us and our family unique and special. We will also be looking at Robots, with activities such as Robot Yoga, Robot sensory trays with nuts and bolts and Robot junk modelling. Mid October sees us returning to the Biggen twice a week. We are very much looking forward to getting out in the fresh air and getting closer to nature and the wildlife. We look forward to reporting back on what we discover.

Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Duxford Pre-school? There are nearly 1,500 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Debenhams and eBay, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend each time you shop with them. It's really simple and doesn't cost you anything extra. All you have to do is sign up online via [The Giving Machine - https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/](https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/) and start generating funds for free! We are also still collecting empty ink and toner cartridges through www.emptiesplease.co.uk, which are then recycled and turned in to cash for the preschool. Please ask if you would like an

envelope to take home to put your empties in or alternatively you can pop them in the box in the Sunshine Room.

Healthy Lunchboxes

At Duxford Preschool we promote healthy lifestyles and this includes healthy lunchboxes. We provide water and milk at all times and at no cost so there's no need to pack any drinks. If you pack apples, then please can you cut them up in advance - adding lemon juice is a great way of stopping the slices from discolouring. Also if you're packing jellies or yoghurts please can you pack a spoon.

As a reminder a small treat is ok, but generally we would encourage children to eat the other elements of their lunch first, before any treats, such as chocolate, cake or crisps. If you would like any advice on healthy lunchboxes please ask a member of staff or visit the NHS Change4Life website, which has some good ideas:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

We are also a nut free setting, so please do not send any nuts or nut products with your child.

We are currently taking part in the Healthy Eating Challenge from the British Nutritional Foundation where we are focusing on breakfasts, 5 a day and healthy drinks. The children will receive a certificate at the end of the challenge and you can get more information on the BNF website.

ECaT top tip for the half term

Nic and Danielle are the early language lead practitioners in the setting. This half term the top tips is;

Build on what the child says to you- talking clearly, adding in one or two words

Get the child's attention first- getting down to their level and engaging their attention before speaking or asking a question

Childcare Vouchers

Did you know that we accept payment via childcare vouchers? We are currently registered with the following companies and our account numbers are as follows:

Edenred: P20628680

Sodexo: 832601

Co-operative: 85110125

Computershare: 51380133

Care 4: 15801135

Allsave: no reference required

Kiddivouchers: use our Osted ref: 500863

Please make sure that you add your child's name as a reference otherwise we cannot tell who it is from.

If you would like to use another company for childcare vouchers please let Karen know (see email address below), so we can set up an account with them.

Social Media

Facebook

Don't forget to 'like' the Duxford Preschool Facebook page. Please feel free to comment on and like posts too, as this boosts our online

presence and helps our Facebook reach, so that when we are fundraising, for example, our events get seen by more people online. There is a Duxford Preschool profile but please do not send a friend request to it as this was set up purely for the purposes of starting the business page.

Events we will be celebrating

- **NSPCC PANTS** - A simple way of teaching children how to stay safe from abuse
- **Halloween**
- **Fireworks and Bonfire Night**
- **Children In Need**
- **Remembrance Day**
- **Duxford Advent Market**
- **Christmas**

Email contacts

manager@duxfordpreschool.org.uk this is accessed by **Pippa** and should be used for issues around staffing, vacancies or anything to do with the day to day running of the setting.

deputy@duxfordpreschool.org.uk this is accessed by **Carrie and Nic** and should be used in the manager's absence, such as on a Monday or if you want to contact Carrie or Nic as your child's keyworker.

keyworker@duxfordpreschool.org.uk this address is accessed by **Danielle, Sofie, Heather and Gail** so if you have any concerns about your child's development or behaviour or would like to share anything about them with their keyworker, please use this address.
committee@duxfordpreschool.org.uk This address is accessed by

Steve, the committee chairperson and is best used for anything to do with volunteering, staff issues, committee members or membership.

admin@duxfordpreschool.org.uk Accessed by **Karen**, the setting Administrator, used for any invoicing or fee issues and any other queries.

We hope you all have a great half term and if you have any questions you know where to find us!