



Duxford Preschool Newsletter April 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 to let you know about any events or important information you may need. This half term we will be doing lots of fun things around our topic of **"The Jungle"** including sensory experiences like jungle play-doh, tuff trays, lots of arts and crafts including making monkeys and parrots, jungle yoga and lots of jungle walking at forest school.

We will also be celebrating St George's day, Children's Day (Japan) and the start of Ramadan if you or your family celebrate any of these festivals, we would love for you to come and talk to the children about it and share some activities.

Fundraising

Remember that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Duxford Preschool. There are nearly 3000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Debenhams and Currys who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend each time you shop with them. All you need to do is sign up at www.easyfundraising.co.uk and enter Duxford Preschool as your nominated charity. 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 do not encourage children to bring cordial/squash in their lunchboxes and do not provide it ourselves, so we would really appreciate it if you could not put sugary drinks in their lunches such as squash. If your child needs a drink at lunchtime, we offer milk or water at no cost to you. 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.

Danielle's ECaT top tip for the half term

As many of you will know Danielle is our Every Child a Talker (ECaT) lead. These are her top talking tips for this half term:

Get the child's attention first - get down to the child's level and engage their attention before speaking or asking a question. Young children find it difficult to listen and carry on with an activity at the same time. Saying their name first encourages them to stop and listen.

Use simple repetitive language - describe your everyday activities. As you talk about what you are doing ('I'm washing the cup. '), repeat your words slowly and clearly.

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

A big thank-you to everyone who returned their Smarties tubes we raised an amazing £100! We haven't decided what the money will be spent on but we will let you know once we have decided.

We also have a very special visit from Zoo Lab on 3rd May where the children will get up close with some small animals and reptiles.

We are pleased to announce that our allotment and cookery club are up and running and going well. The children get the chance to visit our allotment plot up to 3x a week and cookery club is run weekly.

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 & 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, Gail, Amy & Jamie** 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.

Here is just a reminder for anyone who isn't sure, who is who and what their roles are within this setting:

Pippa- Preschool Manager

Designated person in Child Protection and Allotment club Lead

Pippa works Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (PM) and Fridays



Nic- Deputy Manager (Job Share)

Designated person in Child Protection, ECat Lead and Cookery Club Lead

Nic works Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Jamie- Preschool Assistant

Yoga Lead

Jamie works Mondays (PM), Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays



Carrie- Deputy Manager (Job Share)

Forest School Lead and SENCo

Carrie works Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Danielle- Preschool Assistant

ECat lead

Danielle works Everyday



Heather- Preschool Assistant
Forest school Lead

Heather works Tuesday (AM), Thursday (AM)
and Friday (PM)

Gail- Present Assistant 1:1
SENCo

Gail works Mondays (PM), Tuesdays (PM),
Wednesdays and Thursdays (PM)



Sofie- Preschool Assistant
Makaton Lead

Sofie works Every AM except Tuesdays



Karen- Administrator

Karen works Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays



Amy- Apprentice Preschool Assistant

Amy works Every-day except Fridays when she is
at college

We hope you enjoy this half term with us and any problems you
know where we are!