



## Duxford Preschool Newsletter June 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 "Our Holidays" including lots of camping, airport and seaside role plays, learning about the great British weather and lots of sensory activities.

We will also be celebrating Father's Day, International Mud Day and Independence Day. If you or your family celebrate these or any other upcoming festival we would love to have you come and share your celebrations with the children.

### 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](http://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.

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 Ofsted 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**

On 14<sup>th</sup> May we had our Ofsted inspection we are pleased to announce that we received a 'Good' and our report is now live on both our website and Ofsted webpage if you would like to read it. Thank you to all the parents that took the time to speak to the inspector on the day. We are very pleased with the result.

We have a busy half ahead of us here are some important dates to put in your diaries:

22<sup>nd</sup> June- Preschool photographs

2<sup>nd</sup> July- Parents evening please remember that we are unable to allow the children to come to these appointments if you can't attend then please speak to your child's keyworker to arrange a more convenient time

23<sup>rd</sup> July- Teddy Bears picnic please keep an eye out on our parent boards for information close to the day.

We are sad to announce the departure of two of our staff members: Jamie and our apprentice Amy. They have both been valued members of the team and we will be sorry to see them leave. Amy is heading off to gain some more experience at another childcare setting and Jamie is returning to nannying. We wish them all the best in their new jobs. Their last day of work will be the last day of term.

### Email contacts

[manager@duxfordpreschool.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:keyworker@duxfordpreschool.org.uk) this address is accessed by **Danielle, Sofie, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 with us and if you have any questions you know where to find us!