



# February 2020 Newsletter

## What we have been doing

We had a visit from our local Police man. He had some great conversations with the children. He showed them his body cam, his radio and torch.

We went outside as he had brought his police van, the children got to sit in the front, the back and even the cage at the very back. The children were able to set the horn and sirens off, not sure the neighbours will welcome him back. – This helps the children with their knowledge of different professions.

When the children were asked about the emergency number they call should we need a police man they came up with random numbers. He suggested that it may be good to teach them their address should they ever need it. Plus the 999 number.



## DIARY DATES



- Valentine's day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Half term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020
- Inset day – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- World book day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- St Patricks day – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Darren Higgins evening – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020
- End of term – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 @ 1pm
- Start of Summer term – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020
- Inset day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

For further term dates please refer to the [Burghclere Pre-School Website](#)



## **FUNDRAISING EVENTS & UPDATES**



### **Bags to school**

Thank you to all that brought your bags 2 school in last Thursday in total we raised £105.20. We will do this again later in the year.

### **Match funding.**

We were lucky enough to have two people match fund from the Christmas raffle via Vodafone the cheque in total came to £574.00. This is a fantastic amount and makes all the fundraising worth it.

### **Burghclere fun run 5k & 10k**

This is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please look our Facebook page for info or email [running@totalhomeimprovements.co.uk](mailto:running@totalhomeimprovements.co.uk) to sign up. Please let me know if you are free to help out by being a marshall on the day.

### **Darren Higgins**

We welcome Darren back on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. For those who do not know him he is a psychic medium and supports the pre-school by organising this event for us. Tickets are on sale via Eventbrite or entry can be brought on the night.

Pre booked and paid tickets are £11.50

Door tickets are £13.00.

Please share with all you friends and let's make this a great fundraising evening. We will have drinks and snacks to buy on the night. Again we will need volunteers to help with this event.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Fees**

Please can you ensure all fees are paid and up to date before the half term.

### **Show and tell**

As previously mentioned we are only having show and tell on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The children are finding it hard work and it has become quite repetitive. Please ensure you talk to your child about this and leave any objects at home or in your car on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Early Talk Boost**

Juliann and Hayley went on some training back in November to enhance children's speech and language. The course is specific for particular children that have a delay in their speech and understanding.

It is all about a little boy called Jake and his favourite tiger teddy Tizzy.

The programme runs for 9 weeks at 3 sessions a week, if we feel your child would benefit from this we will be inviting them to attend it. It is all held within pre-school hours and in the setting. The first sessions have started and we are excited to see the results at the end of the term.

The programme is for children 3 years and above. The children will be able to take a Jake and Tizzy book home at the beginning of each week for you to read with them each night. This does require parent participation of which I know you all would support as this can only help your child develop further.

As it stands only Juliann and Hayley are able to lead the programme as they are fully trained. We aim to get more staff on to training. To enable us to be able to carry this out we had to purchase equipment of which cost over £500.00 plus the training course.

So with this in mind if your child is attending this programme and brings any material home it must be brought back on time and in one piece.

### **Wish list**

This terms wish list is on the board in the entrance hall way. We are extremely grateful for everything you buy for us.

### **World Book day**

This is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, please get your children to come in dressed as their favourite book character.

### **School sweatshirts and t-shirts**

We have a lovely new selection of pre-school sweatshirts and t-shirts on the front table. The sizes are 3-4 & 5 -6, the sweatshirts are £9.00 and the t-shirts are £6.50. This is a fantastic way of protecting your child's favourite clothes, we do have messy play and at some point they may get paint, mud etc on their clothes.