Dear Parents and Carers

What an exciting adventure we are having at Pre-school! We welcomed 6 new children this term; I hope they enjoy their time at Pre-school. We have been learning about Police, Fire-fighters, Builders and Dragons. The children have been expressing their feelings, practicing sharing and getting used to socialising with their peers again. We enjoyed making a fire station at Pre-school and the children have been learning all about keeping safe, how to phone the Fire service in case of an emergency and how to safety leave the building when our fire alarm goes off. The children listened to stories about people who help us and staff also shared stories and activities on our closed Face book page. I have enjoyed reading some stories via Zoom to some of the children not attending at the moment. The children watched a short cartoon about Marshal the Fire-fighter (from paw patrol) on a tablet with popcorn snacks! We have been cooking and the Dragon nests were very popular. The children have also made some very interesting sandwiches…...Yummy.

**Half term week is Monday 15 th February 2021 until Friday 19 th February 2021.**

After half term, we will be opening for 4 full days, Monday to Thursday. After Easter we plan to return to 4.5 days to include Friday morning and lunch club (if there is enough demand).

If your child normally attends Pre-school Monday to Thursday, they will be going back to their usual sessions/days after half term. If your child would normally attend on a Friday, I will ensure you are allocated your free entitlement hours. Lisa and I will be phoning all parents next week to confirm sessions.

If you wish to increase your child’s sessions for the summer term (after Easter) I have a few spaces on Mondays and Friday mornings. If your child is 3 years old and attends on one of the other mornings, feel free to contact me to arrange lunch club and afternoon sessions. Any changes for after Easter will need to be discussed with me by the 26th February.

**Thank you**

A massive thank you to everyone that has donated something for snack, please keep healthy snacks coming! We really appreciate healthy nut free donations in sealed packets. Don’t forget packed lunches should be nut free and not include; pesto, satay sauces, hummus and Nutella type spreads or cereal bars that contain nuts.

**You never know!**

I’m in need of a clothes horse at Pre-school because we need to wash anything that is used daily. I’m also on the lookout for Playmobil as we are putting some new resources together. Please let me know if you could help.

**You could really help by.....**

We don’t have many spare clothes at Pre-school as we have very limited storage space, so it’s important to make sure your child has plenty of spare clothes in their bag. Don’t forget to label everything. If you are able to help your child at home, to practice undressing/dressing and putting on their coats, hats and outdoor shoes/boots, this would be a fantastic help to staff. We will continue to practice at Pre-school too.

**Valentines tea party**

We all need some love! Staff will be organising a special Valentines tea party for the children on Wednesday 10th February during the morning session. Your child could wear red or pink clothes if you have something!

Well done to everyone – our children, staff, parents and our Committee. It has been challenging with the Covid restrictions but I’m so proud of how our Pre-school has responded to each and every challenge with positivity and the support everyone has shown each other is wonderful. Everyone struggles at times and this Pandemic has only made us stronger. I’m always here if you need a chat or a zoom call, don’t hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

Kindest regards

Cheryl.