

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter Break, and didn't eat too much chocolate!!
We have lots planned for this term, as detailed below.

Dates for your Diary

7th May - Closed for Polling Day
25th May - 29th May (Inclusive) - May Half Term
12th June - Sports Day (More details to follow)
17th July - Preschool closes at 12 for all children (followed by Leavers Only & Families Picnic)
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The Team



Nicola Manager	Rem Deputy Manager	Angela Practitioner & Admin	Anna Practitioner	Claire Practitioner	Karen Practitioner	Katie Practitioner	Louise Practitioner	Patrycja Practitioner	Sibel Practitioner	Jane Bank Staff
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Policies & Website

Preschool website - www.doddinghurstpreschool.co.uk.

Sickness & Absence Reporting

If your child is absent for any reason - sickness, holiday, day out, please inform us via Nursery in a Box. As part of our safeguarding policy and to be in line with schools, we need to record a reason for your absence on the day (or before), so it's imperative that you let us as soon as possible or we will have to contact you or emergency contacts after 11am.

Children's coats, bottles, bags and footwear - Please and Thank you!

All coats or cardigans be **NAMED**

ALL CHILDREN -NAMED BAG with nappies and wipes if required, a change of clothes to include socks, pants/knickers, tops and trousers.

ALL CHILDREN - NAMED water bottle

We also request that **shoes are suitable** for the weather, running in the garden and on an uneven surface.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information please contact - chair@dhcps.co.uk or speak to Nicola

Comforters/toys

We request -

No random toys please - especially if they are small

Children to share something at circle time - please name these - ie photo, medal, something relative to our planning, something which is a special interest

Comforters are welcome and will be placed in your child's bag until needed

Lunches - Reminders

GRAPES NEED TO BE CUT INTO QUARTERS

LARGE ROUND FRUITS (ie Blueberries) NEED TO BE CUT IN HALF, LONGWAYS.

FOODS TO AVOID

NO CHOCOLATE (HIGH SUGAR CONTENT) - This include Mini Eggs (CHOKING HAZARD)

NO SWEETS (HIGH SUGAR CONTENT)

NO POPCORN (CHOKING HAZARD)

NO RAW CARROT (CHOKING HAZARD)

NO RAW SHELLFISH (FOOD POISONING)

NO NUTS (ALLERGY) OR SEEDS

Food that is placed in lunchboxes that are part of the 'Food to avoid' will be returned uneaten.

We will allow crisps (or equivalent, ie mini cheddars)



Planning



This term, during our focus activities we will be concentrating on all areas of learning and activities which will include Art Week, Earth Day, St Georges Day, International Dance Day, VE Day, Sun Awareness, International Day of Families, Walk to School Week and International Tea Day. This will involve chatting with the children about the Easter Break and their families, taking part in various junk modelling (Sorry!) activities, learning about recycling, the earth and animal habitats, doing dough disco and copying a routine with Cosmic Yoga Disco, taking part in VE Day celebrations, learning about sun and how to stay safe, taking a walk, learning outside and having fun with tea bags! This list is not exhaustive but a few examples of some fun we will be having. What a busy half term!

Alongside the above we will also be taking part in other activities linked to the EYFS through Story of the week (eg - Draw a star, Where the forest meets the sea, Animal Bop), Craft, Construction, Playing with small world, maths area, circle time, outdoor play, home corner, free play, to name a few.

Child Committee!!

This term we are launching a new concept for the children - A committee!

This will involve 5-6 children being picked to join the committee. This will be rotated so all children will get a turn at some point.

The idea is that children will be involved in making some decisions that involve them, discussing what they like about preschool, and what they don't (might regret this one!), toys they would like to add to the wish list, toys they would like out more often, reviewing the rules and having a general discussion together in small groups.

Parents Support - Pretty Please!!

If you are having a sort out we will gratefully take these off your hands - craft items, paper, paper plates, paper cups, ribbon, pipe cleaners, masking tape, natural resources (wooden bowls, wooden spoons, small baskets) pencils, pens, stickers, chinks. If you have anything else, please contact us to ask as donations are often welcome!

If any parents have a profession and come in and play (act)/show/explain/demonstrate we would be grateful. As part of the curriculum (Understanding the world) we support children in understanding different professions (ie Dentist, Hairdresser, Shop Assistant, Fire Fighter, Police Officer), and ways of life, so if you also have a special celebration you would like to share, please get in touch!

Books to Home Library

As you know we have introduced a home library in setting, and is very popular. The children take time and pride choosing the book to read at home with you. Preschool children can learn so much from this frequent, short interactions. We ask you to keep the book at home for a week before changing it as reading the same book repeatedly helps children learn language, anticipate what comes next and start to understand the comprehension. The children have had fun making up their own stories and thinking of different endings, the opportunities with books is endless!

Parent Readers

We would love it if any parents or grandparents would like to visit the setting and read to a small group of children, either a morning or afternoon. This sounds scarier than it is! You can choose any book your comfortable with or choose one of ours. Children enjoy listening to stories read by different people as everyone offers something different.

Small group sessions

We have introduced some small group sessions, in addition to our usual adult led activities, these sessions are short and geared to children's individual abilities, these could include some fun activities for colour recognition, counting, shape recognition, scissor control, sharing, confidence boosting or language focused play. The older children will be taking part in school ready sessions in order to further prepare them for the transition from us to school. If you have any concerns or want to discuss this further please speak with your key person.

Invoicing

Invoices are issued, around the 20th of each month, with payment date of the 1st of the following month (unless specified on the invoice).

We only accept online payments - Sort code - 60 19 09, Account Number 96626887.

Financial Support

If you are having difficulties paying your fee's, or any other payments related to the preschool, then please speak to Angela.

Contact Details

Please ensure you have our phone number in your contact list - 07523 291553.

The email address for any queries or invoice questions is admin@dhcps.co.uk. You can also use the message system via Nursery in a box.