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## Little Tinkers Preschool March 2023 newsletter

This month at Little Tinkers we are learning about People who help us and Paw patrol. The children have been learning the roles of the different emergency services, how to call 999 for help and the other important roles of people who help us including mums/dads, delivery drivers, Dentists etc. We have been learning the importance of keeping healthy and have been very lucky to have one of our parents from Charles Warren come to all 3 preschool sites, showing the children how to dance hip hop for tots ( [www.hiphopfortots.co.uk](http://www.hiphopfortots.co.uk) ) with everyone having loads of fun. Next week at Little Tinkers @ Holne Chase we also have one of the dads providing exercises for children that was developed during covid for his gym. We would like to say thank you to these parents and if anyone else has anything they would like to share with regards to 'People who help us' or if you would like to come in to read a story or have any other great ideas you would like to share with us please speak to the preschool supervisor.

**Fees**– A reminder Fees are increasing after the Easter Holidays to £16.50 per session . Please can you ensure all fees are paid the **minimum of a week in advance for parents and by no later than your child's first booked session for the week. If paying monthly these also must be paid a minimum of 1 month in advance.** Can we also remind you **6 weeks notice** is required to any changes to your sessions, these do not include school holidays, and you are still required to pay for your child's sessions when your child is absent due to illness or holidays.

**Healthy Lunches**– Please can you support us with providing your child with a healthy lunch and grapes must be cut up due to the high risk of choking hazard. Please visit for lunchbox ideas :[www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/](http://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/)

**Summer Club**– We have had quite a few parents interested in the summer club which will operate from Monday 31st July-11th August from 9-3pm. The fees will be the same as the preschool at £16.50 per session 9-12, 12-3. Unfortunately 30 hour funding will not cover this as this is only for term time sessions however you may be eligible for taxfree childcare, if you visit the Government website this will provide you with further information. Please can you email or let the preschool know if anyone else is interested by no later than 17th March 2023.

**30 hour funding**– For any child who is 3 before 31 December 2022 who would like to attend additional sessions to their 15 hour entitlement please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to see if you are eligible for up to 30 hour funding. Parents who are eligible will need to bring in to us their 11 digit code and parents name and NI number. Please note at Holne Chase we have limited sessions remaining for the rest of the year so please inform us asap if you wish to increase your child's sessions for April 2023. Children who are already receiving this please remember to log into your account and update your details every 3 months, if you do not complete this update you will be invoiced for your child's sessions thank you.

**Red Nose Day** On Friday 17th March it is Red nose day, as well as St Patricks Day. We are inviting the children to come in dressed up in something red or something for St Patricks day for a 50p donation all funds raised will go to Red Nose day.

### **Arrivals and Collection of your children**

A reminder the times for arrival and collection for your children we have to strictly follow to ensure safety for all in a case of a fire, evacuation etc. Please can you support us by dropping your child off and collecting between the following times:

**Morning session**– Doors open 9am and close for registration 9:10am. (We can re-open the door for late arrivals after registration 9:30am)

**Collection from morning session:** Doors open 11:50-12noon

**Arrival for Afternoon session**– 12 noon and close for registration 12:10 ( we can re-open the door for late arrivals 12:30)

**Collection from Afternoon session:** Doors open 2:50-3pm. Any child who needs to be collected earlier due to having to collect children from other schools not located next to the preschool please can you do this between 2:20-2:35pm.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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**Named school uniform and name badges** Charlie the assistant manager has her own little enterprise of printing personalised labels for water bottles, bags, lunch boxes and Little Tinkers t-shirts with our logo and your child's name. There are also named personalised summer hats which will be perfect for all when the better weather arrives. Please email Charlie directly if you wish to place an order with her : [keystcraftycrafts@yahoo.com](mailto:keystcraftycrafts@yahoo.com) or look at the poster in the window at your child's preschool for further information.

**Is your child starting school in September 2023–** Please can you let us know when it is confirmed the school they will be starting in September so we can share your child's learning and development with them to ensure a smooth transition when starting school in September.

### **Dates For your Diaries–**

- **Red Nose Day dress up day–** Friday 17th March 2023
- **Close end of Day** Friday 31st March 2023. (Easter Holidays) **Re-open** Monday 17th April
- **Closed Bank Holiday** Monday 1st May
- **Closed Little Tinkers @ fern grove** Thursday 4th May
- **Closed Bank Holiday** Monday 8th May
- **Close end of day** Friday 26th May Whitsun week **Re-Open** Monday 5th June
- **Close end of day** Tuesday 18th July
- **Summer Club** Monday 31st July to Friday 11th August

**we would like to thank you for your support and please write any comments about the settings or ideas please speak to the preschool supervisor. Please visit our website for further information and to see the academic calendar for 2022/2023**

**From all of the Management & Teams @ Little Tinkers Preschools.**

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