

Wintringham Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly we are heading towards Christmas break. The term seems to be flying by at Wintringham Pre-school, however there is still plenty of learning to be done before we get there. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming Mrs. Holmes to the growing Pre-school team, we are very lucky to have her with us.

Pre-school has been busy over the past few weeks learning all about the theme of 'Transport and Journeys'. This has been supported by the book *Car, Car, Truck Jeep* by Katerina Charman. The children have been focusing on the different types of transport that they can see in the book and have used these as prompts to recall their own past experiences of using different transport methods in their home lives. This has led nicely into the children learning all about road safety and different road signs during Road Safety Week.

Children in pre-school were also involved with Remembrance Day on 11th November. They made lots of poppies to help us decorate the school as we remembered all those that had passed away in the wars. Watching a short clip called 'Poppies' supported them to observe a two-minute silence at 11am.

Children in pre-school have also begun their Rhyme Time, Music and Movement and Phonics sessions. It has been great to watch some sessions as children learn all about the different concepts of songs and sounds. They have managed to grasp the concepts of syllables and rhyming well as they learn the rhyme *Hey Diddle Diddle*, in addition to their understandings of environmental sounds and sound patterns.

Last week, as the temperature began to cool, the children noticed the change in the weather outdoors and showed lots of interest in the environment around them. This allowed for some lovely activities for them to access outdoors where some winter wonderland small world scenes were made for them to interact with.



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A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds – unless they are for assistance. Please can you ensure they remain off the school premises when you are dropping off or collecting your children.

Also, if your child will not be in attendance of a session due to a holiday or appointment, please can you ensure that you email the office at pre-school@wintringham.cambs.sch.uk detailing this and the dates your child will be absent for.

We have a closed Facebook group that is only open to parents and carers of children in the Pre-School. A request to join this group can be made using the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/397561551714119>

The page is updated regularly with photographs and information of news and events.

Term dates for the school year 2024/2025 are provided in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter. Future term dates for the school year 2025/2026 can be found on the school website.

Please be aware that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in Pre-school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into Pre-School until 24 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

Please, if possible, could you walk to school with your children. If you must drive, please can you park with consideration. Thank you for your co-operation.

Uniform

Please note that children in Pre-School do not have to wear uniform. Children aged 3 and above may purchase a sweatshirt with the school logo on if they wish however,

Please ensure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to Pre-school with them every day. All children should also have a named water bottle or Sippy cup with them every day.

Email Communication

We have an email communication system, Arbor, which allows us to communicate with parents by email. Please ensure that your email address and all telephone numbers are kept up to date with the school office.

Online Payments

Our Arbor online payment system is used for recording charges incurred for sessions taken and for you to be able to pay for sessions. If you can't access the Arbor Parent Portal or app, which is also now available for both Android and Apple devices, please contact the school office.

Nut Allergy

May I remind parents that children's packed lunches must **NOT** contain peanut butter or other nut snacks as we have several children with allergies in school. This includes items that state that they 'may contain nuts'. Thank you for your consideration.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February

Friday 4th April

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April

Wednesday 23rd April

Monday 5th May

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June

Tuesday 3rd June

Wednesday 23rd July

Christmas Holidays

Training Day

Spring Term Starts

February Half Term

Spring Term Continues

Term Ends

Easter Holidays

Training Day

Summer Term Starts

May Day

May Half Term


Training Day

Summer Term Continues

Term Ends

Please be aware that we do occasionally need to alter some of these dates, but any alterations will be notified to parents.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tracy Bryden

Executive Headteacher

On behalf of Wintringham Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)