



## **TINY TIGERS SEPTEMBER 23 NEWSLETTER**

Dear parents/carers

I hope you have all had a fun filled and relaxing summer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back w/c 4/9/23. To enable a smooth transition for our new joiners we are offering staggered start dates, please let me know if you need a reminder of your child's start date.

### **Class dojo:**

Please can I ask that you enable alerts for class dojo app. All news and information regarding Tiny Tigers pre school will be posted on this app therefore it is imperative you have access and are alerted to this information.

### **Focus child week:**

Each week 4 children are selected to be our focus children for the week. You will be sent a notification of this via class dojo app and you will be asked to provide photo's along with any relevant information about your child including current interests, planned visits/holiday's etc. We request that you please upload pictures and information to your child's individual tapestry account. The information that you provide will be shared with your child's key person and staff which will help us better understand your child and enable us in communication and building relationships. At the end of your child's focus week your key person will upload a variety of photo's along with detailed information regarding your child's development, their style of play and next steps. You will be invited into the setting to discuss the outcome of the focus week and set next steps around their interests.

Working in partnership with parents and/or carers is central to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Consulting about children's early experiences helps practitioners plan for effective learning at the setting, and helps support parents in continuing their children's learning and development.

### **Communication:**

At Tiny Tigers pre school we have an open door policy, meaning parents have the opportunity to speak with any staff member regarding questions or queries. You may also use the class dojo app to message your child's key person or Natalie Brown. Any messages sent will be answered between the hours of 9am-4.30pm.

### **Shoes/clothing:**

At Tiny Tigers our aim is to encourage children to become independent learners. Therefore please can you provide children with Velcro shoes only and elasticated trousers or skirts.

Please can you provide spare clothing in a pull string named bag (with a detachable string)

### **Nappies/pull ups:**

Please can we request you provide nappies/ pull ups and wipes for your child. We request that pull ups are ONLY provided if your child is potty training.

### **Labelling:**

Please can you remember to label all of your child's belongings including clothes, wet suits, wellies, coats, hats, gloves, bottles and lunch box. This saves a lot of upset for the children and encourages independence. We also go out to play in all weathers so please make sure your child has suitable clothing. We provide sand, water and gloop play most of the time so your child will get messy. Thank you.

### **30 hours childcare:**

Please can we ask you to remember to re-check your codes if you are entitled to the additional 15 hours funding. You may also be eligible for tax free childcare. Please speak to Natalie if you have any queries or questions. If you need further information please go to:  
[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### **Allergies/ Lunch boxes:**

Please can we ask that children are not sent in with any nuts or products containing nuts due to allergies. We have children who have severe allergies and we need to keep them safe. We also ask that lunch boxes are healthy and that only one treat is provided.

### **Drinks/snack:**

At Tiny Tigers we are a water only pre school. We offer either milk or water at snack time along with a healthy choice of food.

If your child has any allergies please let us know asap, so we can create a care plan.

### **Shared Care:**

We pride ourselves on our relationships with other settings. If your child goes to another nursery/ pre-school/ childminder or early years educator, please let us know as we will give you information on how we can share information.

### **Parent coffee mornings:**

Each term on a Monday morning we arrange a parent/carer coffee morning in the Hartley De Sales church room. Each meeting is hosted by 2 staff members and has a theme such as settling in, child communication, independence, pre writing skills, phonics etc. It also gives you an opportunity to meet other families and for you to ask our staff members any questions you may have. Please look out for the date on class dojo.

**Hungry minds:**

"Hungry minds" is a government initiative to encourage children to talk. In this modern world we can forget that children learn from basic interactions and that we can encourage vocabulary in simple ways such as talking to babies when in the supermarket or encouraging children to sing or talk about the things they see in the environment. This is such a helpful website and I would encourage parents/carers to take a look.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

**Absences:**

If your child is going to be absent from preschool please could you let us know by either texting or phoning the preschool mobile on 07563544325 or via class dojo. Also can we remind you that if anyone different will be collecting your child could you please let us know in advance so we are aware of any changes.

**Invoices:**

Invoices are emailed to parents monthly, Please could we remind all parents to pay them preferably by Bacs payment within a week of receipt.

Finally it would be really lovely if you could share some photos of your child's summer break along with any information to support these. This can be uploaded to your child's individual tapestry account.

Kind regards

Natalie and team