



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre-School Fundraiser

Tracey and the staff team have been busy organising a fundraising raffle for resources for the children to explore in the garden. If you know a business or individual that would be able to donate a raffle prize, we would be exceptionally grateful.

The raffle will be drawn in July. Further details regarding tickets to follow. Huge thanks for your support.

Learning and Development Update

We are now in the last week of our Community History and Hero's topic. Most of our friends will have had a walk around the village (or walk back from school visit) where we looked at houses that used to be businesses. We also had a chat with the hairdressers, as well as keyworkers from the garage, village shop and butchers. The visit from PCSO Jamie Ward and his service vehicle was very interesting too.

Our June focus is the Wildlife Trusts '30 Days Wild'.

We have begun a focussed teaching approach with the school risers for mark making, phonics and numeracy. Small group work of adult led table tasks will help prepare them for school.

Our maths focus for June is 'shape, space and measure'. Please can you help by looking for shapes in the environment and using shape names. You can also support this focus by adding mathematical vocabulary to everyday conversations, e.g. lighter, heavy, tall, short, long, bigger, smaller, full, empty. Junk modelling is a fun, creative way to explore constructing with shapes.

Individual Child Targets

We are setting new targets for the children's individual learning and development journeys. These will be on your child's Tapestry account (on the review of Spring term target). For our new friends, target is 'settling in and showing my character and interests'. Please let us know if there is any specific focus you would like for your child's targets, so we can work in partnership with you. We are aiming to chat to as many of our families as possible, also to find out what your child's interests are at home. Please feel free to add any news or photos on Tapestry. Your observations help us create a better picture of your child's learning journey and we also enjoy chatting with them about what they have been doing at home.

'Cultural Capital' Outings and Adventures

We have had an amazing half term with lots of rich broad experiences, particularly for the school risers (although we did manage to get an extra six of the oldest children from the non-school riser group to the Bird Lady of Fowey trip).

We are going to book another Kixx football session in for 20 children, before the end of term, as the children really loved coach James' activities.

Forest School

After half term, the Wednesday and Friday 'School Risers' group will be able to attend our forest school sessions at Tywardreath School. This will help the friends with their transition to primary school. We are just finalising the details for these sessions. School Riser families will receive a separate email about forest school.

Coronavirus Update

All adults in the UK are now eligible for coronavirus lateral flow home tests. The government is encouraging everyone to test twice a week. You can have them sent to your home address, by registering online using the government website [Regular rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests if you do not have symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/covid-19/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests)

The tests are easy to do, using a swab and putting your sample on the test strip, you get your result at home in 30 minutes. You can then register your result online.

Please can you continue to support us by wearing masks on arrival to the pre-school door (unless you have an exemption that means you cannot wear a mask for this short period). Our COVID-19 procedure can be found on our website www.tywplaygroup.co.uk

Weather Safety

What varied weather we have been having! Please can you help us by being prepared for all weathers, as we often have all four seasons in one day. Please help by providing your child with a waterproof coat, sun hat and applying sun cream to your child before they arrive at pre-school. We can re-apply sun cream for the all-day friends in the afternoon.

Term Dates

Half term is Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June. We return to pre-school on Monday 7th June. Our last day of term will be Thursday 22nd July, which will be party day only (no pre-school) and Friday 23rd July will be our leavers ceremony, for School Risers only. Details of times and locations to be confirmed as soon as possible.

Kind regards,



Sarah O'Toole, setting manager and SENDCo

On behalf of Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup staff team