

## Welcome Back to the Spring Term

Welcome back to Pre-School after the Christmas break. This term we have been looking at space and the many different planets. The children have really enjoyed exploring different ICT toys and playing in the dark room. We will hopefully be starting our new garden project, firstly clearing the site and then beginning to fill it with all our lovely new equipment. Watch this space for working party date.

## Open Evening—Everyone welcome!

We will be holding our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 29th March between 6.30-8.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and have a look around, and see what your children get up to whilst in our care.

Your child's time at Pre-School is very special and Parents Evening is a lovely time to come and have an informal chat with your key-person about all areas of your child's development.

Appointments with your child's Key-person are best made in advance, just speak to Lucinda, Kim or your Key-person to book your 10 minute slot between 6.30-8.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Live Bands Evening

Pre-School will be hosting a **LIVE BANDS EVENING**, held at Bottesford Village Hall, this will be our main fund raiser so it would be great if you could please try and support us. The provisional date for this is **MAY 20TH**, so get your babysitter booked. The evening will consist of live bands, hot food and dancing, tickets will be £10 each. This should be a great evening to come along to so please invite your family and friends. Pre-School appreciates all your support.

Please **do not** allow older children to use the keypad, this is only for parents and carers. On arrival to Pre-School please could all parents sign their child in as we use this as an additional register for fire practices.

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## "Bags to School"

Thank you so much to everyone who donated bags of items for the last collection in December. Your efforts raised just under £200 for Pre-School funds! We can do better so please look in your cupboards and support us. We will be having another collection in June, so if you come across some more unwanted items in the course of your Spring cleaning, you are welcome to deposit them with us anytime, there is a box next to the front door at Pre-school, and we will store them until the official collection date. They will accept the following items, good quality adults and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys.



## Sue's News

Here we are in February again, and 'New Year—New You' seems to be the message every time you turn on the TV, with the emphasis being on 'clean' eating, which advocates more natural ingredients and no processed food.

I know this often seems an impossible task, especially with children, but 'change for life' have come up with a great app which you can download to your phone and use while out shopping to make better choices. The app will check sugar, salt and saturated fat contents of items — you could even turn this into a game when they pick out items which they crave!

Its also good to get them involved in recognising the 'traffic lights' system, so they can begin to make their own healthy choices.

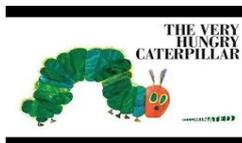
**Sue Booth** our **Healthy Eating Co-ordinator**.

### Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club

Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club runs everyday from 7.30am to 6pm, it is situated in the Surestart building next to Pre-School. They run during term time and during some of the school holidays. We are able to collect children in a morning from there and bring them to Pre-School and take them back round after Pre-School finishes. If this is of any help to you please contact them on 01949 845006 or 07981 042106, and Pre-School on 01949 844489 for availability of space.

### World Book Day

On March 2nd it is World Book Day and Pre-School will be looking at our favourite books, so please feel free to bring in your special books to share, we will also be having a books swap table for you to look at. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite characters if they wish.



## Dates for your diary



### Half Term

**Monday 13th - Friday 17th February**

### Open Evening

**Wednesday 29th March**

See details overleaf

### Easter Holidays

**Mon 10th April- Fri 21st April**

Closed for Easter Hols. Re-open

Monday 24th April

**Pre-School is closed Monday 1st May.**

### Half-term break

**Monday 29th-Friday 2nd June**

Pre-school closed for half term.

### Open Morning

**Friday 7th July (please spread the word to any new parents)**

### Sundown (for school leavers)

**Wednesday 12th July 2017**

### Pre-School closes for summer

**Friday 14th July 2017**

### Pre-School opens for Autumn Term

**Tuesday 29th August 2017**

## Children's Belongings

Please can you label your child's belongings, often children will have the same things and it can become quite upsetting for them if we can not be sure which are their items. Also, please if possible send your child in shoes that they are able to put on and get off themselves. We encourage our children to be as independent as possible, so buckles or velcro are most appropriate at this age. Thank you.