



# DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**1st Half Summer Term 2021**

**Happy Easter! We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and get the chance to spend some time together.**

Firstly I would like to again thank you all for helping to keep Ducklings pre-school safe, and for all of your support during this pandemic. We really are very grateful that you are all continuing to adhere to our operating procedures. Just a little reminder that we ask for all parents/carer's to wear a face covering at all times whilst dropping off and collecting your child. Please also continue to ensure that only one parent/carer drops off/collects. This term we will be welcoming lots more families to Ducklings, we would be very grateful if you could help us to make them feel welcome, and part of our Duckling's family.

## Lateral Flow Device (LFD)

I am pleased to inform you that all staff are now participating in twice weekly lateral flow tests. As a setting we feel it is paramount to do them so we can help to reduce the risk of transmission amongst each other as staff and to yourselves and your children. Of course as before if any staff test positive they will self-isolate, book a test, and follow the most recent guidance.

Below is the most recent guidance for eligibility of LFD test kits;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

## **Duckling's carpark**

We acknowledge that our carpark is only very small, and that at drop off and collection times it can become very busy.

Therefore we ask that you park in a way that allows others to enter and exit safely, and are always considerate of others when you park.

Thank you

## **Choking foods - Lunch boxes**

We have noticed there is some food's in children's lunch boxes food that needs to be cut in half or smaller, for example grapes and plum/baby tomatoes. We ask that you please cut things up to a suitable size to prevent a risk of choking.

Thank you.

Please see link's below for choking prevention and the NHS first aid website.

<https://www.capt.org.uk/choking-prevention>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/>

## **Ducklings Annual General Meeting**

Thank you to all those that joined our AGM via Zoom! I am pleased to say we now have some new Trustees that have volunteered to join us, which we are very grateful for.

I would like to confirm that we now have a new Chairperson; Angela is a current parent at ducklings and has been a trustee for 2 years, previously doing a secretarial role within the committee.

## **NO NUTS SETTING**

**Please remember we are a NO NUT setting, so please ensure that lunch boxes do not contain anything with nuts in.**

**Many thanks**

## **Parent Consultations**

Parent's telephone consultations will be on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. Dates and times are as follows;

**Karen** - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 11.30am

**Nikki** – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 2.30pm or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Janina** – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm – 2.30pm or Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm – 2.15pm

**Merryn** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.15am-12.30pm

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to make an appointment, the consultations will last for approximately 10 minutes and are a vital way of discussing your child's progress over the last half term.

This is also an opportunity for you to discuss any concerns with your child's key person that you may have. If these times are not convenient for you then please let us know and I am sure we can arrange a suitable time.

### **Term dates 20/21**

#### **Spring Term**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January-  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**(Easter Holidays-Thursday 1st  
– Friday 16th April)**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March – **Virtual  
Easter Bingo – eyes down 2.30pm!**

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday  
21<sup>st</sup> July (1pm finish)

**(Half Term W/C 31st May)**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – **Bag2School  
collection**

W/C 10<sup>th</sup> May – **Parent  
consultations**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May – **Tempest photos  
– group photo and portraits.**

**9am – everyone is welcome,  
please speak to Nicola or Karen  
for more information.**

### **30 hour's entitlement...**

**A polite reminder that if you are eligible for 30 hours free childcare that you must renew it when you receive an email, otherwise you may not be eligible for the extra hours the following term.**

### **Coronavirus symptoms**

**Please remember to notify us as soon your child or anybody in your family/household has COVID-19 symptoms. You will need to book a test and isolate as a family until you receive a negative test result.**

**It is vital that you communicate with us to help keep everybody safe. Thank you**

### **Bag2School Collection...**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

If you have any of the following please bring it to us...

**Good quality clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels.**

Thank you



### **Sessions**

We have now reached our full capacity at pre-school for the summer term. So unfortunately at present we do not have any session available. If you wish to increase or change your child's hours for the autumn term (from September) then please speak to Nicola or Karen as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### **Easter Jubilee trees**

This year to spread some Easter cheer in our village community, we have been asked to decorate one of the Jubilee trees that are up on the edge of the village green in Stoke Climsland. We are very excited to be able to join in with some community spirit and show off some of the children's Easter creations. We will be decorating our tree from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and you will be able to have a look at everybody's decorated trees until Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April. We hope you get chance to have a look!