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## STARCROSS PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Term Dates: Autumn Term 2020

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First Day of Term - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Last Day of Term - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Washing Hands Song

Roll your sleeves up to wash your hands,

Turn the tap on, make them wet,

Pump the soap and bubble up

Rinse and dry them well.

(in the tune of London Bridge)

### Please inform us:

- Of any changes to your contact details.
- If your child is going to be absent or late, please ring before 9am, if possible
- We also need to know if you are away on holiday, please fill in an absence form.

### Information:

- If you access more hours than your 15 hours funded, you will be invoiced and will need to log into school money to pay, Bills must be paid within the set time on the invoice or extra sessions will be stopped.
- If your child is accessing 30 hours through ourselves and another setting or childminder, we need to have your 30 hour code. Without this information, you are likely to receive an invoice for hours and sessions.
- We use Teacher2parents as our Text messaging system to keep you updated with information.
- All parents will have been sent information regarding Eduspot (School Money) you can order uniform through this site and pay for trips, extra sessions etc. If you have any issues logging in please let us know.

### Tapestry:

We cannot express enough how important Tapestry is to us. Please engage in it. You should have all received a link to allow you to access your child on Tapestry. If this is not the case, please speak to a member of staff. This is a chance to share learning opportunities, communicate with your Key Person and be involved in your child's learning journey. It also leads onto their Primary School Education as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

### INTERNET SAFETY

In a Society that is using the Internet on a daily basis it is important we understand how to keep ourselves and our children safe.

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) or [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) offer help and advice, along with parent guides.

This Half Terms Learning Focus is **PSED** (Personal, Social, and Emotional Development)

Learning Opportunities are linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We will be learning "All about Me"

We are keen to have information sent in from home to enhance the learning for your children.

We will be learning to describe our families, and ourselves creating pictures to support this.

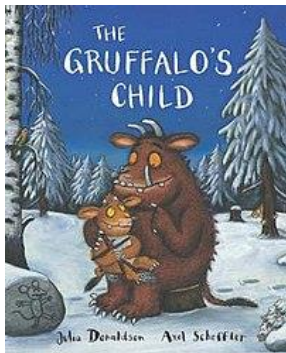
I can.... Skip / ride my bike / get dressed on my own / brush my teeth.. Etc.

Are there any clubs or activities that your child or your family take part in?

We will spend time talking about pets, likes and dislikes, favourite foods and storybooks.

We recognise the importance of taking up a Healthy Lifestyle, and therefore will have activities etc. up for healthy food choices, exercise, the importance of getting enough sleep and staying healthy.

**Target Story Book for this Half Term : The Gruffalo's Child**



#### **Floppy Phonics:**

The Floppy's Phonics programme teaches the letter/s-sound correspondences of the English alphabetic code explicitly and comprehensively for reading, spelling and handwriting:

This system is used by ourselves and right through StarCross Primary School as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage and then leading onto the National Curriculum.



Dave the Dog - is a storybook that helps children understand Covid 19:

<https://nursedottybooks.com/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus-2>



There is a huge amount of advice on what you should and shouldn't do to help your baby, toddler or preschooler to eat, sleep or behave. Many books and other advice for parents of babies and toddlers seem to suggest that there is only one right way to do things, which can easily make parents feel more rather than less stressed. Of course, you may already have discovered that what works for one child often doesn't work for another! These resources have been chosen because they suggest a variety of strategies rather than just one way of doing things and have been recommended by other parents, by mental health charities and by professionals. Remember- only go with the advice if it feels comfortable for you and your family.

<https://www.happymaps.co.uk>



### Important Parent Information:

- **Send your child in with a water bottle for use throughout the day. We would prefer no juice to be in these bottles. You are welcome to put a fruit juice in your child's packed lunch box.**
- Label your child's packed lunch box and water bottles clearly please
- **Packed Lunches – We will continue to work with parents to promote healthy eating in the children's packed lunches. Our Healthy Eating board will be displayed with Healthy alternatives and ideas.**
- **NO PEANUTS or NUT BUTTERS please**
- **Please make sure that everything is labelled with your child's name clearly written on it. It is always a good idea to leave a change of clothes, a coat and some wellies that can stay in preschool.**
- Our cloakroom can get very over crowded, so no large bags or rucksacks please. We do sell plain navy pump bags for £2.00, which we recommend, are used and kept on your child's peg.
- **Uniform – we have new uniform in stock, in all sizes. We do recommend you purchasing the uniform as it gives the children a sense of belonging and does save their normal clothes from getting dirty.**

### Policies and Procedures:

You will find copies of the school and preschools Policies and Procedures on the main school website.

If you need to make a complaint against a member of staff or against the preschool, we would request that it is put in writing to the Managers of the Preschool in the first instance. It would then be investigated if it cannot be resolved; it would then be passed to Mr Ireland (Head teacher) we obviously like to keep in regular contact with our parents, so we do hope that we can resolve any issues before things get to this stage. Full details of the complaints procedures can be found on the school website.

## Sessions at Preschool

At Starcross Preschool, we offer children Education through play in a Safe, Fun Environment. Somewhere that they have the opportunity to experience Mindfulness, Lego Therapy, Music & Art Therapy, a Nature Learning Area, Creative Free Flow Play.

All of our staff are professional and highly experienced, they are committed to providing the best possible start in your child's Educational Journey.

If you are interested in your child attending Starcross Preschool, please contact us. We are registered to accept 2-5-year olds.

If you wish to increase or change your child's sessions at Preschool please speak to a member of staff.



## Makaton Signs:



**to eat**



**to drink**

Information regarding Preschool can be found at [www.starcrosspreschool.org](http://www.starcrosspreschool.org) or [www.starcross-primary.devon.sch.uk/pre-school-and-childcare](http://www.starcross-primary.devon.sch.uk/pre-school-and-childcare)

Our Facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/StarcrossPreSchool>

