



## Pickles Pre-School.

The Community Room, Cherry Tree Primary School,  
Berry Avenue, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD24 6ST

February 2015.

We hope you enjoyed your February half term break and are now looking forward to the first signs of Spring.

Each half term we produce a newsletter to inform you of our themes for learning, activities, events so you be a part of your child's learning and development. At Pickles Pre-School we believe that by building a partnership with a child's Parents/Carers the child's learning and development will flourish and we will create the very best start for their on-going academic journey.

### Our Themes for our Learning this Half Term will be –

- **Transport** – Junk modelling vehicles, a group activity of making a bus, boats float/sink (science), road safety, singing “the wheels on the bus”, travelling role play etc
- **Dinosaurs** – Footprint mark making, dinosaur hunt role play, reading the book “How does a dinosaur say ‘Goodnight’ (Jane Yolen & Mark Teague)
- **Easter** – an Easter Egg hunt, making edible Easter nests, Easter Hat Parade, reading the book “Peely Wally” (Kali Stileman)

### Carpet Time Talking week by week.

Week Commencing	Letter	Number	Shape	Colour	Language of the Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	x	3	Square	Blue	Spanish - “Hola”
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y	4	Rectangle	Red	Arabic - “As-salamu alaykum”
9 <sup>th</sup> March	z	5	Circle	Green	Tamil - “Vanakkam”
16 <sup>th</sup> March	a	6	Rectangle	Brown	English - “Hello”
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	b	7	Circle	Yellow	Russian - Russian – “Privyet”
30 <sup>th</sup> March	c	8	Oval	White	Polish - “Czesc” ( <i>ches</i> )

### Dates for your diary –

**World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Children to come to Pre-School dressed as a character in a favourite book.

**Easter Parades – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. 11:30am.** Children to make Easter Bonnets with their grown ups at home and bring them in. Parents arrive, children show and wear their bonnets, prizes given out and songs sung to entertain and to celebrate Easter.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** – Please continue to donate your vouchers to Pickles Pre-School up until 5<sup>th</sup> May. The vouchers will be exchanged for new equipment that will encourage our children to lead healthy and active lives.

**End of Term – Thursday 2nd April.** The Summer term will start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**Council Compliance Visit** – Our visit was rearranged and will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Some of you may have received a questionnaire to ask about the funding forms you are asked to sign each term, the invoices you receive to pay for additional hours etc. Some of you may be asked about this when you pick up your children on the day. We have every confidence that they will find transparency and accuracy in our accounting and administration.

### What's NEW?

**Buggies** – Thank you for your understanding with the health and safety decision that buggies can no longer enter our classroom. Staff member will always help you as much as they can when you drop off and pick up your children from Pre-School.

**Named Items** – waterbottles, coats, woolly hats, gloves, welly boots – please name them all.

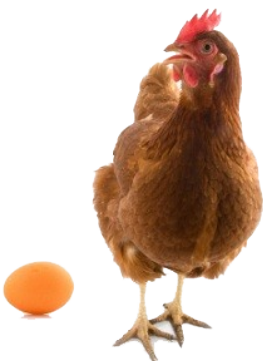
**September 2015 Start date** – Our waiting list for the September 2015 start date is growing... please do spread the word amongst your friends and ask them to contact us if they would like to

visit the Pre-School and register their child's name on our waiting list. A registration form can be downloaded from our website ([www.pickles.preschool.co.uk](http://www.pickles.preschool.co.uk))


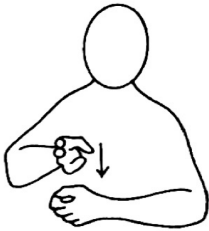

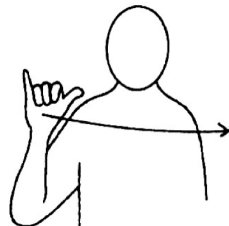





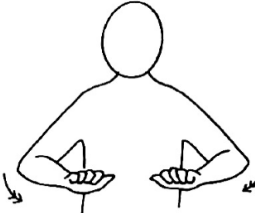

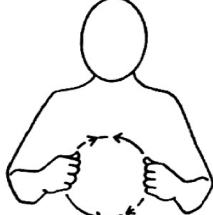

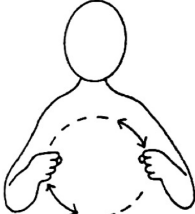
**Lunch Clubs** – We only have a limited number of spaces available for Lunch Club during the week so let me know if you would like your child to attend. Lunch Club is 1 ½ hours, starts straight after our morning session and finishes at 1:35pm. Lunch Club can be included in your 15 hours if your child receives a funded place or at a cost of £6.90 each session. You need to provide a healthy lunch and drink for your child to enjoy.


**Nursery Rhyme/Song of the Month:**

*Chick chick chick chick chicken  
Lay a little egg for me  
Chick chick chick chick chicken  
I want one for my tea  
I haven't had an egg since Easter  
And now it's half past three  
So, Chick chick chick chick chicken  
Lay a little egg for me.*



**Makaton Signs we will learn and use:**

 EGG		<p>Small quick downward movement of middle + index fingers. Stop movements just above other fist, without touching</p>	 AEROPLANE	
 RABBIT		<p>Waggle fingers slightly</p>	 TRAIN	
 CHICKEN (1)			 CAR	
			 BUS	

 **Facebook page** – “Like” our “Pickles Pre-School” Facebook page so to stay up to date with our news, events and information.

If you have any questions or queries or if we can be of any additional support to you or your child please do not hesitate to ask me or a member of our Pickles Pre-School team.

Kind regards,

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