



Newsletter

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Welcome back or Welcome to SKIPS

We would like to welcome everyone back to SKIPS for another year and say that we look forward to working with all our families, both new and old. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. We are all ready for the year ahead, full of learning and fun.

We have waited till now to send out our newsletter to welcome all our new starters to SKIPS. It has been lovely getting to know you all and we hope you're enjoying your time at SKIPS so far.

Term 1 – Getting to know me

We will be welcoming the children back to SKIPS and helping them to settle back into their daily routines. We will be welcoming lots of new children to SKIPS and talking about the things they like to play with and do with their families at home. During this time we will be observing the children lots and getting to understand their abilities.

Later on in the term we will start to look at different topics such as our bodies, our families and where we live.

Do you have any photos of your house or family? We would love to see them. Please hand your photos to your child's key person. We will share these with our friends.

Things to try at home:

- Look in the mirror with your child and talk about their face. Naming the parts of the face, but also talking about happy, sad, cross and excited expressions.
- Singing songs like "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and other action songs.
- Look at photographs with your child about their family and things they have done. Use who and where questions and try to encourage them to explain what is happening in the photo.
- SKIPS have a box of books that you can borrow to share at home.

Term Dates:

Friday 25th October - Term ends
Monday 4th November – Term starts

Key Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 2nd October – Ian Taylor Photos
Friday 11th October – **Inset Day**

If your child is ill or unable to attend please could you text or ring SKIPS directly on 07704525312 any time between 7:30 am and 6pm

Thank you.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Jodie or your child's key person.



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Clothing and belongings:

Please could you name all belongings, especially water bottles, coats, lunch boxes and bags. This makes it much easier for staff to return things to you.

The children will be going outside in all weathers so please send clothes that are appropriate to the weather that day.

We would also like to stress that the children will be taking part in messy play activities and they may come home dirty. We do try to use aprons and use materials that wash out, but please do not send them in new clothes or their 'best' clothes.



As a matter of importance please could all parents update us with their most recent contact details. If you have changed mobile, job or home then we need your new details. Also, please let us know if you cannot be contacted when at work and who else we could contact in an emergency.

Ian Taylor photos -

We will be having a photographer visit SKIPS on 2nd October. If your child does not attend the session when he visits then you will be able to bring them in to have the photograph done on the same day. There will be a separate letter for this in the next few days, so please look out for it.



Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club -

We still have sessions available for both Breakfast Club (7:30-8:45am) and Tea Time Club (3:30-6:00pm) every day.

If you would like to book sessions on a one-off basis, please speak to Camilla to arrange this.

SKIPS Committee – Would you like to join our committee?

Our committee is seeking new members to join and to help run the pre-school. You do not have to be a parent - grandparents, aunts and uncles are all welcome. The committee meets once a term to discuss matters concerning the management of the pre-school and to arrange fundraising events. No previous experience of being on a committee is required, just an interest in helping to make SKIPS the best it can be.

So, if you think you could spare an hour or so each term to help then please speak to a member of staff for more information or email rpittick@gmail.com (our current chair person.)

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