

Welcome back

The staff would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for all the gifts and goodies given to us over the Christmas period. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and wish you health and happiness in 2019.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new children that will be joining us over the next term and their families. We hope that they will enjoy their time with us at SKIPS Pre-school.

Term 3 – People who help us/people around us

This term we will be exploring people who help us and people around us. We will be taking a trip up to our local vets to learn and investigate what vets do and taking a walk to the police station and bakers to see what's in our community.

We might even have some special visitors come into SKIPS. If you have any spare time and would like to come into SKIPS and talk the children about your job however big or small, we would love to see you. Please talk to Jodie to arrange the best time.

During the week of the 20th we will also be celebrating Chinese New Year; this year is the year of the rat. Do any families have any pet rats at home? We would love it if they could come and see us.

We are really excited about this topic and will be reading lots of books and engaging in different activities that will raise our awareness and teach us about each of the figures from our everyday lives.

Thank you –

We raised a massive **£50** at the Christmas Fair in December.

Thank you to those who came and supported us.

We also raised a fabulous **£76.80** from the Ian Taylor photos.

Together the staff team are looking at buying something new for the setting. Keep your eyes peeled.

DON'T RISK IT, QUARTER IT



Choking is one of the leading causes of death for children under 3. Even if your child is confident eating solid foods, a grape or a cherry tomato is just the right size to get stuck in their windpipe.

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Staffing:

We would like to welcome Jenna Chandler to the SKIPS team. Jenna will be working with us every evening as our cleaner.

Welcome Jenna!

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



Don't forget to join our Facebook page (Skips Pre-school) for updates about Inset days, emergency closures and to see what fun things have been up to.

Child Independence:

This term we will also be focusing on child independence -

- ❖ Blowing own nose
- ❖ Wiping own bottom
- ❖ Washing own hands
- ❖ Putting on own coat
- ❖ Taking off own coat
- ❖ Doing up own zips/buttons and poppers
- ❖ Putting on own shoes
- ❖ Changing into role play clothes
- ❖ Putting on own hats and gloves

Ways we can all support independence –

- ❖ Spend time teaching the activity with lots of encouragement
- ❖ Provide opportunities to develop independence
- ❖ Be patience and understanding
- ❖ Hold back and allow the child time to solve the problem
- ❖ Make it fun!



Things to remember –

PLEASE make sure everything is clearly named. We have many water bottles and bags with no names on and adds to our time trying to match items to children that could be better spent.

Water not squash -

Please remember to put water in your child's water bottles, this is part of our policy to promote healthy living.

Parents meetings –

We have had a change around!

SKIPS are trialling parents' meetings throughout Term 3. Your child's key person will approach you to make an appointment throughout this term.

This is a great opportunity to talk to your child's key person, explore together the amazing things your child can do and gain an awareness on areas of learning they might need to support with.

Loose parts – We are still looking for any loose parts that you are willing to donate to Skips. We are particularly looking for wooden pallets and real clothing for dressing up, this includes old pairs of shoes, hats, t shirts. We would prefer adult sizes.

Sickness –

If your child has had the sickness bug (vomiting or diarrhoea), please wait 48hours from the last occurrence before attending. Thank you!

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