

# January/February Spring Term Newsletter 2019



## Welcome back

We hope that you have had a lovely break. Thank you for your donations and support at our Christmas Play last term. The children's performance was wonderful and we raised over **£100!**

We would like to welcome new children and families who have joined us this term.

A quick reminder Pre-school sessions begin at **9.00am**. To offer flexibility for our families, children are able to be dropped off from **8.45am**, to enable parents to get to work, or drop other children at school, etc. Pre-school finishes at **3.00pm**.

In the event that you may be a few minutes late, please phone Pre-school on 779476, so that we can reassure your child that you are on your way.  
Many Thanks.

## Old MacDonald had a Farm

This term our topic will be farms, we will be looking at tractors as many of our children have a keen interest in them, as well as reading many stories and songs about animals:

Old MacDonald had a Farm

Baa Baa Black Sheep

5 Little Ducks went swimming one day

Farmer Duck

A Squash and a Squeeze

Duck in the Truck

Children are welcome to bring in any items of interest from home around this theme.



## Bird Watching

Children will be participating in the RSPB's 'Big Garden Birdwatch' which runs from 26-28th January.

This will be a great opportunity for us to look for and identify different birds in our garden.

You can also join in at home, more information can be found at:

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)



## Chinese New Year

We will be exploring Chinese New Year, in particular the traditional foods they enjoy, giving children an opportunity to try these new and different foods at snack time.

## Fee Paying Policy

Please find attached our revised Fee Paying Policy which will begin after the February Half Term.

Fees can be paid online our bank details are:

Barclays

Sort code - 20-50-40

Account Number - 23506568

By cheque made payable to:

'South Petherwin Pre-school' or cash.

Many Thanks.

## Lunch Boxes

Please could you ensure that fruits such as grapes are halved as they are a real choking hazard for small children.

## Labelling Items

With the number of children attending each session it would be very helpful if you could label your children's clothes, lunch boxes, water bottles and backpacks so staff can make sure the correct belongings go home with each child.

## Term Dates

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – **HALF TERM**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Back to school

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – **MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – **HALF TERM**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Back to school

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

## Up to date details

Please can you ensure Pre-school has the correct emergency contact details, if you have recently changed address or mobile phone number let us know.

## Enquiries

If you need to contact preschool for any reason we will endeavour to reply to you as quickly as possible, however responses will only be sent during Pre-school opening hours of Monday to Friday 9 – 3pm.