



# TIPPY TOES PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS FROM TIPPY TOES PRE-SCHOOL (SPRING 2017)

Dear Parents, grandparents and carers,

Welcome back! Happy New Year and best wishes for 2017! Also a warm welcome to the new parents, children and staff member Nicky who is joining our setting on Friday.

We have an open door policy' at the beginning of each session for brief conversations. However, if you feel you want a little longer please tell me and we can plan an appropriate time – either with your key person or with me.

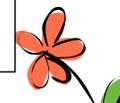
**Ways You Can Help** Please can you bring in snack items for your child each day. Fruit, breadsticks, crackers, raisins, fruit loaf, cheese, bread etc are greatly appreciated.

**Boys clothes** We are currently low on boy's clothes; if anyone has any unwanted clothes that we could have it would be appreciated. If your child wears boots/wellies to come to school, please ensure they have a change of shoes suitable for play whilst at school as wellies can be very uncomfortable and restrictive while playing. Hats & scarves to be named and stored **INSIDE COAT SLEEVE**. PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS. Can we please ask you to check that your emergency contact details are up to date if we should need to contact you in an emergency we will need correct phone numbers. Our contact details Barbara 07769826878 Catherine 07850460829

Please can I ask you that if your child is NOT attending pre-school (due to illness, holiday, appointments) to txt or ring me on 07769826878

I think we can say that our Library has been a great success. The children enjoy choosing their own stories and are very excited to talk about them in circle time. We have noticed in the register that some of the children still have a book at home. Can you please return it so your child can choose another fun book.

'WOW' moments We are sure that you have many photographs and 'WOW' moments of the children's achievements over the holidays – you can email them in to [barbara@tippytoespreschool.co.uk](mailto:barbara@tippytoespreschool.co.uk)



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During the Spring term 1-2 there will be a focus on developing social skills and personal independence – caring for each other, negotiating, turn-taking, hand washing and toileting skills. We will also look at why it is necessary to have agreed rules for behavior and why we need to take care of our equipment, ourselves and each other.

We use every day experiences to develop mathematical, mark-making and word recognition skills. We do not use worksheets at Tippy Toes we believe there are so many more exciting ways to engage a child's interest in any particular subject. Our aim is support your child to become an enthusiastic, competent and independent learner.

#### Letters and Sounds Phase One Phonics

During phonics the children will continue to learn new songs and rhymes. We shall be making some silly soup by adding words that rhyme with each other and playing rhyming bingo.

#### Outside activities

We try to go outside whatever the weather and your child will need appropriate and named outdoor clothes for particular times of the year – wellies, warm coats/waterproofs. In cold weather, please remember to send in coats even if you are bringing your child to pre-school in a car

#### Nature garden School

The children will be observing the changes to the site as Spring approaches. There is a mud kitchen for the children to create different textures by mixing natural materials together.

#### Lunch at the big school

After February half term we will be going to Redmarley Primary Academy for our Friday lunch.

#### Finger food without Fear

Grapes are the third most common cause of death among children who die in food-related choking incidents, and doctors say a lack of awareness among parents, carers and health professionals could be leaving young children at risk.

[www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk) have developed the attached handy flier to share and raise awareness of the risk of choking and steps to take.

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/finger-food-without-fear>

*We are very excited to share with you our new website that has been developed by Oliver's mum Stephanie, we are very grateful and please have a look! [www.tippytoespreschool.co.uk](http://www.tippytoespreschool.co.uk)*