



Stannington Village Pre-School

January 2019 Newsletter

A huge welcome back to all our families and children after the Christmas break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for giving me such a warm welcome in my first few weeks as the new Manager here at Stannington. I have so much planned for the Pre-School and I am really excited to share my ideas with you all.

I am currently in the process of sending out parent questionnaires and if you have not done so already I would really appreciate your feedback to enable me to implement positive changes into the setting!

Thank you again,

Sarah Atack - Nursery Manager & The Stannington Team xx

Term dates: This term will run from **Monday 7th January** until **Friday 15th February**.

We will then be closed, returning to Pre School on **Monday 25th February 2019**.

Weather warnings and suitable clothing

The cold weather is evidently upon us this term and dare I say it... I think the snow may be on the horizon this month. Myself and the staff team will always keep you updated on the opening of Pre-School Via the Facebook pages and Pre-School website.

Please make sure all clothing especially coats and hats are labelled with your child's name. Spare clothes and wellingtons are also recommended for the weather conditions.

This terms Topic is 'Winter'. Please find the breakdown on our red notice board within the entrance. Both notice boards have also been updated with lots of parent friendly information.. Fell free to have a read or ask for a copy!

Important updates to Facebook

We are currently in the process of creating a new Facebook page specifically targeted for our families at Pre- School. The page is going to be a private invite only parent group where we can share our adventures and learning with you all! The Facebook page will also be used to share pictures of your children's journey through Pre-School giving you an insight into their learning whilst with us. As soon as the page is running I will begin to invite you all to the group. Please find attached a consent form for your child's pictures to be posted on the private page, the safeguarding of the children is paramount so only **parents and Grandparents** whom we are familiar with will be accepted into this group.

Please note the generic Facebook page about the Pre-School will also stay active.

Parent Partnership and Monitoring your child's progress

Over the next few weeks I will be beginning to introduce new documents to support your child's learning and development at Pre-School. I have fully taken on board feedback from the questionnaire's and will be implementing a new system in which at the end of term each child receives a report tracking their current learning.

Children will also have their own 'Pre School Diary' for you to access. Snapshot observations and photo's will be attached in these and feel free to take them home and add your own photos and adventures.. (Please make sure to return in back to Pre School) The diary will be a great form of communication between staff and parents!

Getting Active at Stannington Pre School!

Coming from a very 'outdoorsy' setting previously, I am keen to introduce learning opportunities outdoors. I am currently in the process of creating safe risk assessments to enable to staff and children to go out in the community on walks and local visits within the community. Please feel free to recommend any ideas you may have!

Thank you for your continued support!