



## Autumn 1 Newsletter (September 2020)

### Stannington Village Pre School

**Holiday dates for the calendar, please note Pre School will be closed on the following dates:**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Easter dates to follow**

#### **Lower capacity**

**As you are all aware we are currently operating on lower numbers during our Pre School sessions. This is to allow more space for the children and staff to be able to distance where possible and maintain a safer, more manageable working environment during these times. I know that some families are waiting for a change in sessions but please remain patient with us as we are following guidance daily.**

#### **Things to remember**

- Please **label** your children's belongings, especially slippers and wellies.
- Contact Sarah/Hannah if symptoms or positive cases of Covid 19 are present in your household.
  - Please leave children's toys at home
- Any artwork etc will now be handed out at the end of term in a plastic wallet to save handing this out daily. Some artwork will be kept in children's learning journey's for observations etc.

#### **Parent Partnership**

We understand it can be quite difficult to pass on information during drop off/pick up so we are now introducing a care sheet for each child daily. This will be a little insight in to your child's day and we hope this proves very useful. Please remember if you ever need a private word Sarah B and Hannah are available at any time.

#### **COVID 19 UPDATES**

I would firstly like to thank you all for your continued commitment and support in helping us manage the current pandemic within Pre School. The team and I are working extremely hard to manage the setting effectively and safely during these testing times.

We would like to remind you that if you or your child show any of the following symptoms then **YOU/THEY must stay at home and self-isolate for at least 10 days. The other members of the household must then self-isolate for 14 days.**

- New continuous cough
  - Fever
- Loss or change in normal sense of smell or taste

Please note we do have the common cold going around at the moment, we ask that any children that have a cough with their colds stay at home until they are feeling better. If any of the above symptoms start to show then isolation/testing will be required to be able to return to Pre School.

If anyone has any concerns or questions then please feel free to speak to Sarah/Hannah on the door during the AM/PM sessions.

#### **Dates for the diary**

As celebrations are going to be a little different this year we want to be able to make events fun but safe for our children. So we will still be celebrating Halloween, bonfire night and Christmas. Unfortunately there will be no parties this year, however we are going to be doing lots of in house activities leading up to these events with exciting snacks, party games and music for the children during their sessions.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Dress up for Halloween!**