



# The Willows Pre-School



## Newsletter

February 2022

We have had a busy term. All the children who have started with us have settled in well and have made good relationships with both staff and peers.



Kelly is leaving us in Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February to start her maternity leave. We would like to wish Kelly and her family all the best and we are looking forward to meeting their baby girl.

### Changes to staffing

From the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February staff will be working extra hours to cover Kelly's maternity leave. The changes are as followed:



Julie will now be working all day on a Thursday.



Liza will be working Friday all day as well as Tuesdays



Ali will be working Wednesday all day.

### Snack donation

Firstly, we would like to say a very big thank you to all the families that have made a snack donation. This has been greatly received.

### Parent afternoon

Week commencing **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** we will be holding our parent's afternoon. Please keep an eye on the front door to book an appointment with your child's keyworker. If the date and times are not convenient for you, please speak to your child's keyworker.

We will also be opening our doors from 11.30am for parents who collect at 12pm and also again at 2.30pm for those who collect at 3pm. This will enable parents and carers to come and have a look around the Pre-School, share your child's Pre-School diary etc.

### 15 or 30 hour funding

If your child is entitled to **15 or 30 hours funding** from the summer term, the funding will start the week commencing **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

If your child is entitled to **15 or 30 hours funding** from **September 2022** and you would like to extend your child's hours, please could you email **staffwillows@googlemail.com** or speak to Gemma.

### Polite reminders:

- Please do not park in the **DROP OFF** zone outside the school. This is only used for school parents to drop their child/ren off.
- Please could you ensure your child's lunch box does not contain any items with nuts. This includes Nutella etc. Please could grapes etc be cut to prevent choking.
- As it is getting colder and we go outside each session, please could you ensure your child comes to Pre-School with a coat and hat. These need to be clearly labelled.
- Please could children refrain from bringing toys in from home. Over the last few weeks, we have had a lot being brought in. This has caused sadness when they have either been misplaced or peers want to play with them.

### Dates for your diary:

- Last day of term - **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**
- Return - **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**
- Last day of spring term - **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**
- Start of summer term - **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 - Bank Holiday Monday - Closed**
- Last day of term - **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**
- Return - **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**
- Last day of summer term - **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**