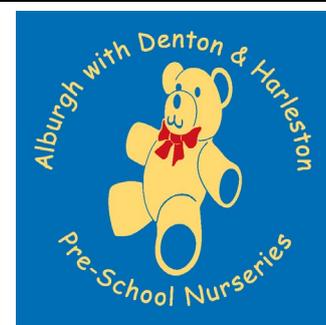


NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

The last day of term is 18th December 2018

The holiday club is open on 19th, 20th and 21st December 2018 and on the

2nd January 2019 The Spring term starts January 3rd 2019



The Holiday club list is up now, to help you plan your child's time during the holidays, for children not using all their funded hours term time; any remaining hours which have been banked can be used for holiday club sessions. (the cost of the holiday club is £3.40 per hour). If you wish your child to attend on any of the days during the school holidays; please write their name and the times that you wish them to attend on the day/s that you require. As always, we work on a first come first served basis, and clubs are popular, so the longer you leave it, the less chance you have to secure a place!

If you think that your child may be eligible for 2 year or 30 hr funding, you can apply online on our alburghwithdentonpreschoolnursery.co.uk or harlestonpreschoolnursery.co.uk websites, we now have a 'swag bear' which if you click on it will take you straight to the NCC website funding page. The application process is simple, and results are I understand immediate. If you already have 30hr funding don't forget to need to up date the system, to ensure that your child is still eligible.

We now have K&O entertainment coming to both settings on a weekly basis, to explore with the children; music, dance and a range of physical activities. These fun sessions have been well received by all the children, and link nicely into the Early Years Foundation Stage, supporting children with their learning.

Thank you all for completing our evaluation forms, your feedback has been invaluable. In response to your thoughts regarding the online record keeping (Tapestry etc..) I thought it would be helpful to explain why we do not use this electronic version and prefer to record your child's development as a folder.

We are not comfortable sending (which then subsequently stores) images of your child at play online. What parents and carers chose to do, with the photos that are taken outside of preschool is up to you as an individual. We however have a duty of care to all our families, and we are not comfortable exchanging images online; which can then be passed on via family and friend networks, and possibly fall into the wrong hands. As this would mean that parents lose ownership of their child's image, if they are photographed with another child.

We love to use photographs as a way of sharing your child's adventures with us at the preschool. Each child attending the setting has a folder, which we use to record their learning journey with us. The photos we take of your child are kept in your child's folder (along with the children's other development monitoring tools) when your child leaves to go to school you will take this folder home as a keep sake.

During your child's time with us, we would love you to share in your child's 'learning story folder' please feel free to come and look at it, take it home to share with your family and add your own images, thoughts and observations inside. The more we share information together about your child, the better we can plan activities to support your child's learning.

Just remember to bring it back, in order that we can continue to add to it!

We are very much aware that the more time we spend in the office 'completing paper work' the less time we are spending interacting with the children and supporting them in their learning. With this in mind, please do not expect from us reams of paper work on your child! we prefer to use our time wisely by spending it with the children, engaging in play and meaningful activities which support and promote learning and development across all areas of learning.

As the sharing of information about your child's day is extremely important; we are always more than happy when you come to pick up your child, to chat to you and impart this information. So please feel free to speak to a member of staff or your child's key worker and ask questions about their day! If you are not the person collecting your child, send an email or give us a ring as we would love to hear from you and chat to you.

We have parents consultations each term, alternatively if you want to make an appointment to come and have a chat, please speak to a member of staff and we can arrange for this to happen.

Each week, there are a wide range of activities planned for the children to participate in, these activities are designed to reflect your child's current interest, whilst supporting the children in their learning and development. We are committed to supporting our children to learn through playful experiences, all the planned focussed and additional activities are delivered in this way. We have designed the nurseries to enable learning to take place both indoors and outside. We have our own setting monitoring system in place, which enables staff to track your child's progress, and quickly identify areas that your child may require additional support in.

The pre-school email addresses are; info@alburghwithdentonpreschoolnursery.co.uk or info@harlestonpreschoolnursery.co.uk if you have any concerns or queries at the end of the day, I am always happy for you to drop me an e-mail. Children talk about their day and the events and experiences that impact on them, information can become muddled and confusing at times. A quick e-mail can often put minds at rest, or help to address problems which may arise if matters are left unsaid.

Finally; with winter around the corner and weather changing fast now, please can you remember to bring a coat for your child- as play happens indoors and out all year round!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and wish you a healthy and prosperous new year!



Thank you all for your continued support, regards Jayne