



## TOWNTREE PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4 JANUARY 2022

Welcome back after the Christmas break. Happy New Year to you all. A final reminder that the deadline is approaching to apply for a Primary School place for September 2022. If you have not already done so you need to apply before midnight on 15th January. If you do not apply before then you are less likely to secure a place at your preferred school.

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The pre-school continues to maintain a safe, healthy environment and endeavors to ensure that infections are controlled, and good health and hygiene practices are continued at all times. Our most up to date policy can be emailed or whatsapped over upon request.

As it is more important than ever that we limit contact with adults we must stress the one parent rule only at drop off and collection times as we have recently seen an increase in both parents arriving at the setting. It is important at this time that we all play our part in reducing the risk of COVID Transmission.

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Outdoor play has always been a huge part of our pre-school life. Being outside helps build strong immune systems, provides a vital source of Vitamin D, reduces virus infections, improves mental well being and it goes without saying the developmental benefits such as building physical skills, increased self-confidence, and esteem. It is also the opportunity to explore and learn about the environment. We continue to utilize our great outdoor areas every session and in every weather. It is therefore essential to be in appropriate clothing. On cold days children require layered clothing, a general rule is one more layer than you would wear as an adult in addition to a thick winter coat, hat, scarf, gloves, and warm, waterproof footwear. Please can we ask that all children are fully equipped with suitable, named, clothing for every session they attend as we are spending much of the day outside.



**Snack Menu** - Milk is provided at snack time and water is always available alongside cereal (AM) & fresh fruit. For those of you who have children that stay for lunch please continue to send in your healthy lunch boxes.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### February half term

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Return to school - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

#### Easter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Return to school – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### May half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Return to school - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Summer

Last day of term for children returning back to Towntree in September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Last day of term for children leaving for Primary School in September -

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022