



# The Lantern Preschool

November  
2022

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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

## Autumn Term

We have been making the most of the sunny days but still managing to play outside on those damp Autumn ones. We have had a busy start to the term, enjoying the changing seasons and welcoming our new families. We are all excited about Christmas which is already on the horizon!

## New Deputy Manager

Louise left her role as deputy manager and SENco at the end of last term to venture onto pastures new and commence her teacher training. I am pleased to announce that Emma has now taken on the role of deputy manager and has already had a very positive start to the half term. Nettie has taken over the role of SENco. We wish them every success in their new roles.

## Topics



Over this half term our ongoing topic is winter. So far we have explored fireworks and enjoyed seeing displays online and pretended to be fireworks in music and movement activities. During the next few weeks we will be exploring 'Winter Worlds' – learning about the polar regions and the animals that live

there. It may seem early, but with only a few weeks before we break up for Christmas we will be starting Christmas activities! We will soon be introducing Santa's workshop and the children will get to practice their wrapping skills as well as explore other related activities. The Nativity will follow as our final focus of the year in the lead up to our Nativity play.



We are really looking forward to this year's Nativity as it is the first time without any restrictions for two years! **Please save the date of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2pm at The Lantern Church.** More information to follow. If your child doesn't usually attend on a Wednesday it would be great if they could join us for the whole day at up at the church.

## Focus Child

Next term we will be updating our focus child information form to help us with learning more about your children's interests and assist with our planning. We will also be inviting family members to come in during the week to share their job, hobby or interest with the children. This was something we introduced prior to Covid and found it really successful as the children loved to show their family members preschool and were always excited about their visit. I will provide more information next term

Thank you for using Tapestry to post photographs and observations of your children, we love to see what they have been getting up to at home. Could I please ask you all to check the 'All About Me' section and complete this with the information on your child.

## Winter Illnesses

Unfortunately we are seeing an increase in winter viruses and illnesses. We are continuing to maintain high levels of cleaning and hand washing to try and reduce transmission. I would like your support in helping to reduce transmission by ensuring you keep your child off preschool for 48 hours after any episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Please also let us know if your child has been unwell so we are aware of any possible viruses. Thank you for your support.

## Essential items of clothing



The British weather has well and truly turned meaning the days are more wet than not at the moment. The children all need waterproofs and wellies at every session. We prefer that wellies are not worn inside the setting as they get very muddy this time. Please ensure your child has a change of shoes makes life easier rubber soled slippers are suitable to wear in the setting so can be kept here in their bag. Can I also please ask that you name all items particularly coats, water bottles and lunch boxes.

## Future Events and Dates

### Wednesday 14th December (2pm)

Preschool Nativity (at the Lantern Church)  
(Details to follow)

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2022

#### Last Day of Term

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3:30pm)

### Spring Term 2023

#### First Day of Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### Last Day of Term

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Summer Term 2023

#### First Day of Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

#### May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

#### Additional Bank Holiday For Kings Coronation

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### Last Day of Term

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

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## Contact

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