

20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you all to the start, of what will be a very different Summer term.

I would like to let you know what I have planned for the coming weeks, to support you and your children as they continue to learn at home.

During the lockdown, it is important that our pre-school families feel supported by us. With that in mind I would like to let you know about a weekly 'In-this-together' session. The sessions will be for you to call me for a chat. Your call could be to ask for some ideas to support your child's development, to ask general questions, to share concerns or to simply just say hello (children welcome to say hi too). The sessions will be every Wednesday, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. I will be at the pre-school school waiting for your calls, so please call and help us to stay connected. The number is 01264 737735.

Another idea I would like to put in place to help us stay in touch, as well as supporting the children in their development, is weekly 'Ziggety Zaggety Zoom' sessions. The idea is to give the children a fun and interactive way of connecting with the staff, their friends and learning, through having fun. These sessions will need you to download the free app Zoom from the App Store. Once you have downloaded the app, you will need to set up your own account, using the email that we use to contact you. I will then invite you to join the sessions at planned times. Friday mornings might be a nice way to end the week, although your thoughts are welcome. During 'Ziggety, Zaggety Zoom' sessions we are planning on singing, sharing news from home, playing interactive games, fun challenges and story time. Each session will have a plan that will be emailed to you at the beginning of the week, to help you plan and gather any resources that may be needed to join in. I am very excited about the sessions but please bear with me as I get used to the technology....not my strongest point.

Finally, I will be emailing activities each week for you to do at home with your children and the rest of the family. With each activity, I will provide the desired area of the EYFS that will be covered with each activity. I would love to see photos of your children doing the activities - so please do upload to Tapestry.

Please stay in touch and I look forward to chatting with some of you on Wednesday.

Stay safe and keep well.

With kind regards

Leanne Shuttleworth
Pre-school Manager