



Newsletter

Ferring Funtime Community Preschool Newsletter for Parents & Children

10th April 2020

Welcome to our March/April Newsletter.

We hope that you and your families are staying safe and finding moments of normality and happiness together. Staying home is critical at this time to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

I know that many families are feeling a little anxious and have concerns about their children not being with their friends at pre-school and perhaps not finishing the term as we normally would. However, children are resilient and with the help of strong loving families, they will get through this and so will we.

Some of our families are able to work from home and sometimes that poses a problem in itself. Just trying to find a quiet place to work. One Dad I know is working from his garden shed, whilst the children are enjoying the garden.

For many of us it is important to establish a new routine. Children like routines and the fact that they know what is going to happen next, helps them to mentally prepare.

All of the things that we do at preschool with children, families can continue to do at home. You may like to use our recipe for playdough. If your child can be part of the playdough making you can even bring some Maths into Playdough preparation. It is worth reminding ourselves, that children build confidence and independence and learn skills like sharing and turn-taking. By playing not just with children at preschool, but with their siblings and parents.



◆ Playdough Recipe ◆

Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour
- ¼ cup of salt
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- Few drops of food colouring
- ½ cup water

Method

- Mix the flour and salt together in a large bowl.
- Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and pour in the oil.
- Add a few drops of food colouring to the ½ cup of water and mix to combine.
- Add the coloured liquid, a little at a time, to the flour and oil.
- Knead until the mixture is smooth.



I have enclosed some website addresses for parents to dip in to, if they are wanting ideas for children to do at home. One of the links is from Tiny Happy People, it is an initiative from the BBC which aims to contribute to closing the "word gap" in children 0-5 years and offers lots of activities for children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk>. Tiny Happy People.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign> offers some fun activities for kids from 0-5 years.



This one is for all the Mums and Dads;

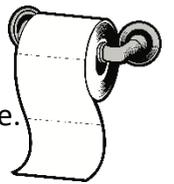
<https://www.gov.uk> publications Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the Coronavirus.

I hope that you find these website addresses helpful.



After Easter we would normally start to encourage those children that need a little support to dress themselves. To put their shoes and coat on and do up buttons and zips if they are planning to go to school in September. This will get them well on their way to managing to dress independently and also at the moment we have a lot more time.

Additionally, if your child is starting school this year, it is a real good idea if they are in nappies to get them out of nappies and start to manage their own toilet routine.



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All the staff are well, and we send you our love and best wishes and a very

HAPPY
Easter

Sandy and the Team.