WELCOME

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. Staff very much appreciated the beautiful cards and gifts that were given to them. We had a lovely Christmas trip and we hope parents enjoyed our Christmas craft session. We also said goodbye to Mrs Mason and our new head teacher Mrs Taylor is keen to come and meet all of the children in T4T's.

Welcome to our new children and their parents/carers.

Last half term we enjoyed the topic "All About Me", the children enjoyed telling us about themselves and we have looked at ourselves on the camera and shared pictures of each other enjoying our favorite activities.

Staff and children are looking forward to playing and learning together, this half term we are going to be learning about "The Jungle and the Rainforest". We will be creating displays and learning rhymes and songs about animals. We will be getting creative with materials.

We always display a copy of the Weekly Activities on the Noticeboard. We have a Comments and Suggestions book displayed here and we would be grateful if you could take the time to make a comment about how your child has settled or how you feel T4Ts is supporting you and your child.

Please take time to look at the Communications Board outside T4T's to give an overview of each session. If parents/carers have any suggestions about what they would like to see on the Notice Board or any questions please see Eve.

We have places available in T4T's and in our Pre-school provision so if you know anyone that may be interested please get them to apply as soon as possible by requesting an application form from the main school office.

GROUP TIME

During each session your child will go into their group with their Key Person or a large group with two members of staff. They will sit for a short time to talk about the day, read a story and take part in a small activity. During group time we have been introducing "Billy Bear". Children will get the opportunity to take Billy home and share their experiences with him. We also have been learning the "snack time" song and the "Hello/Goodbye" song, these songs encourage the children to join in following the daily routines.

STAFF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

T4T's Manager/Designated Safeguarding Lead and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO): Mrs Eve Bradley

Equality, Diversity and Behaviour manager /: Miss Chantelle Allen

First Aid/ Health & Safety and displays: Miss Emma Arnold

KEY PERSON MEETINGS

Key Person and Parents meetings for **all** children will take place on Monday 28th January 2019, Parents will receive a "Summative Statement" or a "two- three year old progress review" of your child's learning to date, to discuss at the meeting as well as viewing the Electronic Learning Journey. Forms will be available from Monday 14th January to book an appointment. Parents whose children start with us in January may want to wait for our next parents evening for an overview of your child's progress, this is because the first few weeks, we will concentrate on settling them into their new environment.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children take part in a variety of physical activities during each session and will also be given opportunities to use bikes and scooters. They will have opportunities to go on the field, therefore could we please ask that you bring in a pair of wellies with your child's name on for outdoor play. Wellies may need replacing if your child's feet have grown so don't forget to check what size wellies we have at T4T's.

T4T SESSIONS

T4T's opening times are 9am till 12pm.

If parents need to contact T4T's by phone about an absence or to speak to a member of staff can phones calls be made between 8.30 and 9am, or after session (12pm), thank you for your understanding in these matters. The T4T's direct number is **01384 818372**.

If you would like any additional sessions please can you speak to a member of staff as soon as possible as places are filling up. Many Thanks

T4T'S FUND

We ask for a weekly contribution of ± 1.00 , this will provide cooking ingredients, resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access. Contributions of fruit and vegetables are also accepted.

WEATHER

Winter is upon us and the weather is getting colder. If we have snow and the Head Teacher feels it would be safer to close the school, she will put the closure on our Facebook page, our Website, the local radio and in a text to parents, so everyone should hear about a school closure. If we don't have your current mobile number you will not receive the text.

SUITABLE CLOTHING

May we remind parents/carers that children access a wide variety of activities during the session and need to be dressed in suitable clothes and appropriate footwear.

We would like to remind you to clearly label clothes, coats, bags, hats, scarves and gloves with your child's name.

REQUESTS

- socks (girls and boys)
- Inset puzzles
- Bubble wrap
- Old pots, pans, spoons , keys etc.

REMINDERS

- WOW cards are available from the parent's board as you enter the T4T's mobile, for you to write on and bring back to us where they will be displayed and discussed during group time.
- We have had a few accidents when children have been running down to the gate at the end of session so to ensure safety can you please take care when leaving the school site and make sure children are supervised at all times.

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- Don't forget to change your child's book on a weekly basis from the book box (placed on the table at the end of each session).
- Children will need to bring a water bottle with their name on for a drink throughout the session, water and milk is available snack time. Bottles will need to be a sports type bottle and not a bottle with a teat.

DIARY DATES

Spring 1 term

- Mon 11th-Fri 15th Jan- Music and movement, parent participation drop in from 11.30am
- Mon 28th Jan- Parents Meeting 12.30-2.30pm (appointments to be made please)
- Fri 15th Feb Break up

Spring 2 Term

- Mon 25th Feb- Children return to T4T's.
- Tues 26th Feb- Library visit (Rattle and Rhyme)
- Tues 26th Feb- Phase one letters and sounds meeting @Pre-School 9.05am
- Tues 5th March- Shrove Tuesday- tasting pancakes.

- Thurs 11th April- Easter bonnet making session with hat parade at 10.45am (parents invited, letter to follow)

- Fri 12th April- Break up for Easter half term.
- Thurs 2nd May- Mother's day creations session at 11am (letter to follow)

Dates and times may be subject to change.