

# Newsletter April 2024



## Dear Parents and Carers



We have entered the Holy Week last Sunday (Palm Sunday). The Holy Week is leading up to Easter which is the most important festival in the Christian Calendar. It celebrates Jesus rising from the dead, three days after he was executed. On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread, and drinking wine (Last Supper). Good Friday commemorates the execution of Jesus by crucifixion. Christians remember Jesus’s suffering and his death on the cross. Easter Sunday marks Jesus’s resurrection. Christians believe that, through his resurrection, Jesus overcome death and sin. This offers people the promise of eternal life if they follow his teachings. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Holy Week and lovely Easter break.





**Green Fingers gardening project**

Please encourage your child to look after their plant and bring it back to the Preschool for our Spring Garden show after Easter break. Your child will receive a certificate for taking part in this activity.

<b>Important Dates</b>	<b>News</b>
<p><b>Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of March - Last day of Spring Term. Preschool will be closed for Easter break. The first day back after Easter holidays is Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.</b></p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> June – Teddy Bear Picnic with train rides – at Goffs Park</b></p> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Summer Term for all children</b></p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> July – Graduation Party for leavers only</b></p>	<p><b>Parent Rota –</b> We have a parent rota in the preschool, and we would love to invite parents and grandparents to come and spend some time with your child’s learning journey and share your talents with us.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Preschool Spring Garden –</b> We are in the process of making our preschool garden more inviting for the children. If you would like to donate soil or any plants, summer bedding, please bring it to preschool. We are always very grateful for any donation.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <p>Happy Eid to all families celebrating.</p> </div>

## Reminders

- Apply now for 15 hours free childcare from April 2024/ for 2-Year-Old children. [How to claim 15 hours free childcare including how to get your code - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#) The deadline to apply is 31st March. We recommend you do so by the end of February to get your childcare code in good time.

### **FUNDING – Funded 2-year-olds and 30 Hours Extended Free Entitlement**

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is their responsibility to apply and obtain the necessary codes (if entitled) to cover the costs of additional childcare sessions. If you have not obtained a code in good time, then the Friary Preschool will potentially not be able to claim the cost of your child's place and we will need to charge you for the sessions that Funding is not available to be claimed.

- Please collect your child promptly at the time their session ends. Collection times are 12pm, 3pm or 3.30pm. **A late collection fee of £5 will be charged.**
- **PACKED LUNCH**
  1. If your child brings yoghurt for lunch, please provide a spoon to eat it with.
  2. No chocolate, biscuits, sweets, or crisps etc. – encourage good eating habits.
  3. No popcorn – the highest choking hazard food for young children.
  4. No nuts, Nutella, or Peanut butter sandwiches – staff with severe allergies.
  5. Please cut chunky fruit pieces in half and grapes, tomatoes, cocktail sausages lengthways to protect your child from choking.



### SNACK donation.

Thank you so much to everyone remembering to bring a piece of fruit for snack time and to those donating money towards our healthy snacks. Please can we continue to encourage this from as many as possible.

### Friary Preschool Contact Details:

For general enquiries, these can be emailed to the Friary Preschool using the following email address: [info@friarypreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@friarypreschool.co.uk) or by telephone on 01293 403873.