

# DONKEY FIELD NEWS



Welcome to all our families old and new, we are so pleased to see all the children back at the pre-school, we have had a lovely start to the new academic year and all the children have done so well at settling in.

This term we will be covering the topic 'All About Me', we look forward to taking part in different activities and learning all about our children and their families. We will also be celebrating a variety of festivals with the children.

## **Term Dates**

Pre-school starts Monday 2nd September 2024

Half Term Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 (Inclusive)

Term Finishes Friday 20th December 2024

**Inset sessions:**

Friday 13th September 2024, PM session.  
Pre-school closes at 12pm.

Monday 11th November 2024, AM Session.  
Pre-school opens at 12:15pm.

Pre-school Starts Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025 (Inclusive)

Term Finishes Friday 18th April 2025

**Inset Sessions:**

Tuesday 14th January 2025, AM session.  
Pre-school opens at 12:15PM

Wednesday 5th March 2025, PM session.  
Pre-school closes at 12pm

Pre-school starts Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half Term Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025 (Inclusive)

Term Finishes Monday 14th July 2025

**Inset Sessions / Bank Holidays**

Monday 5th May 2025, Bank Holiday, Pre-school closed all day.

Thursday 8th May 2025, AM session.  
Pre-school opens at 12:15PM

Friday 4th July 2025, PM session.  
Pre-school closes at 12pm.

Term dates can be found on our website

<https://www.donkeyfield.co.uk/dates>

## **Labelling Property**

Please could we request that all clothing, bags, water bottles and lunchboxes are labelled.

Where possible please could bags be labelled on the outside, so that it is easier for the staff to identify a child's bag.

If you wish to order some personalised name labels, then Donkey Field receives commission from 'Tiger Tags'. To order, visit [www.tigertags.co.uk](http://www.tigertags.co.uk) and use school ID 5942.



Thank you



## **School Ground Rules**

We would like to remind parents that once you enter the school grounds we must adhere to the school rules which are:

- No parking on the school site.
- No dogs allowed on school grounds.
- No smoking or vaping in the school grounds.
- Children must not run around, while waiting to enter Donkey Field. Children must stay between the allocated barriers with their adult. This is for safety as delivery vehicles enter the school grounds at all times of day.

Thank you

## **Lunchboxes**

Donkey Field is a **NUT FREE** setting, this means that children must not have any form of nut within their lunchboxes. We will also have to ban houmous from the pre-school, because of the sesame seed oil (Tahini). We currently have children with severe allergies so we must be extremely careful.

Please make sure you check all food for nuts, should a child have something in their lunchbox that contains nuts, then they will not be able to eat it during their time at pre-school.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Donkey Field is a charity run pre-school and to ensure that we are able to provide children a rich environment and priceless experiences, with highly qualified staff, we rely heavily on our fundraising events to ensure that we are able to achieve this.

Here is a list of some of our upcoming events:

**Ladies Bingo Night** - Saturday 12th October 2024, 7pm at The Haven Centre. Tickets are £7 per person for 3 games.

**Christmas Cards** - Children will create pictures in the setting, you will then be able to order these to have made into Christmas cards, wrapping paper etc. Donkey Field will receive commission from this. Pictures will be sent home in October.

**Christmas Market** - Sunday 1st December 2024, more details to follow closer to the time.

### Weather Appropriate Clothing

Donkey Field tries to take the children out in all weather, as long as it is deemed safe. Therefore we request that children attend the pre-school with weather appropriate clothing.

**Rainy Days** - Please make sure children have raincoats and wellies. If your child attends the setting in wellies, then please supply a change of shoes for inside the pre-school.

**Sunny Days** - Please make sure children have sun hats to wear outside. They must also have sunscreen on, this must be applied before attending for their session.

If during a session your child is changed into spare pre-school clothing, please could we request that these are washed and returned to the pre-school ASAP. We only have room for a small supply of spare clothing so we do not wish to run out of items.



### Donkey Field Online

**Our Website** - Our website is full of information about the pre-school and has all our compliance policies available.  
<https://www.donkeyfield.co.uk/>

**Tapestry** - Online learning journals, each parent has their own private account to access and view their child's learning journal, this includes photos, observations and reports that are uploaded throughout their time at the setting. Each parent is sent an activation link. Once you have access to your account you can also add to their journal. If you have not received this, please contact the setting.

<https://tapestryjournal.com/>

**Facebook** - This is a closed Facebook group and you will need to request to join. This is used to inform and remind parents of events, closures and any other important information. Please search for The Donkey Field Pre-School and answer the questions, otherwise your request to join maybe denied.



### Medication

Donkey Field will administer prescribed medication only.

If your child should need prescribed medication while attending Donkey Field, then it must come to the setting in the packaging that displays the child's name and the administration instructions as given by the doctor. If it does not have these, then we will not be able to give the medication. All medication must be signed into the setting.

If your child is unwell and prescribed antibiotics, then they can not return to the pre-school until 48 hours after the first dosage.

If you ever have any queries about medication and sickness, please do not hesitate in ringing the pre-school.

### Nappies

If your child attends the pre-school in nappies, please make sure that they have spare nappies, wipes and nappy sacks in their bag.

The setting does keep a small supply of these in the pre-school for emergencies, but if we have to keep using them because they are not being supplied, then we may have to implement a charge, because it is an unnecessary cost for the pre-school.



### Useful Links

**Jolly Phonics** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Nv28ddzc9Oc&cbrd=1>

**Tapestry** - <https://tapestryjournal.com/>

**Danny Go** - <https://www.youtube.com/@DannyGo/videos>

**Cosmic Yoga** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga/videos>

**Tiny Happy People** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

**Funding** - <https://www.gov.uk/find-free-early-education/west-sussex>

**Oral Health** - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

**Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** - <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>

**Potty Training** - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/potty-training-and-bedwetting/how-to-potty-train/>