



Tanglewood Newsletter

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Play, learn, grow together

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018. Happy New Year to all our returning families and Happy New Year and a very warm welcome to all of our new families.

The children have all settled well into their classroom over the last few weeks and we have seen some fabulous learning taking place.

Have you ever asked your child, 'What did you do today?' and they said 'Nothing' or 'Just played'. If that's the case make sure you have had a look at the 'Learning Walls' in the classrooms. The teachers and the children have been celebrating the learning that takes place every day.

Don't forget that you can also look in your child's Learning Journey and you can take it home and add to it at any time. If you'd like more information about any of the children's learning or their Learning Journeys, please speak to the classroom staff.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our 'Welcome Meetings' with Mrs Harmer and thank you to all the parents that took the time to complete the questionnaires that we sent out recently. We are constantly looking for ways to make Tanglewood even better and your opinions matter. One of the suggestions made was to include 'Overnight Stays' (I'm not sure we can go that far...YET!!!)

However, a number of parents had commented about wanting more feedback on the progress of their children.

At Tanglewood this can happen in many different ways:

- At drop off or pick up – You can talk to the classroom staff and if you need more time to talk then request an appointment.
- By looking at your child's Learning Journey and helping to add information from home too.
- If it is a more specific issue you want to raise then let the office staff know and they will put you in contact with the member of staff that can best help you.

In addition to the above we will also be trying out a new format for our parent consultation evenings. Staff will let you know how your child is getting on in the 'Early Years Curriculum'.

They will focus on 'What is going well', 'What could be even better' and 'How you can help your child'.

What we would like all parents to remember is that although we are continuously assessing your children on their attainment and progress in their time at Tanglewood, **THE MOST IMPORTANT** part of educating your child is making sure that they are happy and settled and that we are building a love of learning that they will take forward into school.

We hope that you find these meetings informative, don't forget to sign up for an appointment if you haven't already and we will look forward to seeing you there.

PS A big thank you to our Governor, Victoria Banthorpe, who collated all the questionnaires. The results of the questionnaires are attached to this newsletter.



We update the school app on a daily basis so download our school app now for the most up to date information. You can also like us on facebook!

REMINDER

Little Tanglewood Parents – **AFTER HALF TERM** can we ask that you bring in a P.E bag and **NOT** a rucksack as these take up too much space. Please can we also ask that you **DO NOT** bring in any food as we have children with allergies. Thank you!!!



DID YOU KNOW ?

Whilst the legal requirements for attendance do not apply to children under 5, regular routines for young children support the settling-in process and enhance their sense of security. They can also foster good habits for children's later life. Even if a child only has a part time place regular attendance is still important.

Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement in later life. Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines.

Tanglewood Punctuality – Drop Off and Pick up Times

Please can we ask for your support in dropping off/collection times.

Drop Off

- Doors open at 9.00am/12.45pm in session times and remain open for 15 minutes. (If the gate is closed or the classroom door is shut, please check as they will not be locked until 9.15/1.00)
- If you arrive at or after 9.15 am/1.00pm then you need to take your child to the school office and sign the 'Late Sheet'.
- A member of staff will take your child to the classroom from there. We ask that parents do not take their children to the classrooms after this point as it is disruptive for children and staff who have already started their learning.

Pick up

If you arrive late at collection, then the procedure is:

1. You will be given a reminder.
2. The school policy on late collections will be shared with you.
3. You will be charged £10 for every consecutive time you are late to collect your child.

Please remember...

- As part of our safeguarding procedures we monitor children's attendance every day. We ask that if for any reason your child is not coming into nursery, please ring the school office and let us know.

Food Bank Collection



We will be holding a collection for Chelmsford Foodbanks in the summer term.

The Chelmsford Foodbanks are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. If you want to find out more follow the link:

<https://chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk>

Working alongside the Chelmsford Foodbank, Tanglewood can also help families in need.

We hold a small number of foodbank vouchers. If you'd like more information about how to get help please ask in the office. We are there to support all our families.

Diary Dates 2018

6th & 8th February 2018 – Parent Consultation Meetings – Please sign up in the classrooms.

12th February 2018 – 16th February 2018 – Half Term

Week Beginning 19/2/18 – Chinese New Year Celebrations

23rd February 2018 – WEAR RED DAY (Whole School) & Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop

10th March 2018 (Saturday) – Open Morning for September 2018 Intake.

29th March 2018 – Break up for the Easter Holidays.