

# NEWSLETTER

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## Happy New Year!

*Welcome back to all our families following the Christmas break - and a warm "Hello!" to our new families*



### Planning

The planning for this spring term is designed around the theme "Emergency Services". Activities have been planned which cover all seven of the areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; and Expressive Art and

Design. Some of these activities include jigsaw puzzles, role play and building emergency vehicles using mathematical shapes. We will also be making bird feeders using pine cones!

This ensures that every child is planned for individually to best support their personal development. You will find the planning on the parents' display board, along with lots of other information.

### **Diaries**

The diaries provided by Preschool are an invaluable tool for parents/carers to communicate with Preschool and vice versa. Would you please ensure that your child's diary is **placed in the box** by the entrance on their first session of the week, and we will make sure that they are sent home at the end of their last session of the week.

If diaries are lost at home, we ask for 50p towards a replacement.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

### **Snack**

**May we politely remind you that we ask for a donation of 50p per family, per week, towards our healthy snack, which usually consists of fresh fruit and may include a selection of other healthy foods eg: porridge, pasta, cereals or toast.**

### **Staff Changes**

Cullingworth Pre-school has an excellent staff retention record which contributes to our friendly atmosphere and good team work. However, after 14 years of being an integral part of our team, Nikki Swain our Pre-school Leader has now left to join the staff at Bradford College. We wish her well in all she does.

We are pleased to welcome Ciara Toner into the post of Pre-school Leader and Julie Martin as our new Early Years Practitioner and Key Person. We wish them both well in their new posts.

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### Cullingworth Primary School

Cullingworth Primary School has been awarded 4th place in the District League Table of Best Performing Primary Schools. We would like to pass on our sincere congratulations to the Primary School and join the celebration of their impressive achievement, whilst recognising the part played by our own Pre-school in preparing the children for their educational journey.

#### Dates for your Diary

**Tue 13 Jan 15** - Pre-school committee meeting 7.45pm - *Everyone is welcome!*

**Sat 7 Feb 15** - Pre-school and Scouts joint Race Night at the Conservative Club, a great social night and fundraiser with a difference! More details to follow.

**Fri 13 Feb 15** - Pre-school closes, re-opens Mon 23 Feb 15

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#### **Nativity**

Thank you to all those parents and carers who sent emails about our Nativity, it is really nice to receive feedback. We are always happy to hear from our families regarding any comments they may have. Our email address is:

[admin@cullingworthpreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cullingworthpreschool.org.uk)

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#### **It's Winter!**

The children will be invited to play outside **every day, whatever the weather**, so please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for the winter. It would be very helpful (and reduce upset) if your child's clothing is clearly named. Thank you.

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#### **Easy Money for Preschool**

Did you know it is really easy for you to raise money for Preschool - without any effort?

EasyFundraising is an organisation that works a bit like a search engine for most of the big retail sites. All you have to do, once you've registered, is open the EasyFundraising home page and from there, go to whichever website you usually use, buy whatever you would normally buy, and EasyFundraising will collect a donation on behalf of Preschool from the website. It couldn't be any easier! To register please visit:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cullingworthpre/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cullingworthpre/)

Why not ask your family and friends to register, too?

*The more people use it, the more money we get!*

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