



# Mortimer Hall Pre-school

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## Newsletter April 2018



Dear *Parents and Carers*

Welcome back to the summer term at Pre-school. We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed those Easter eggs!

### Staff News

As you may know Caroline went into hospital at the end of last term for a long-awaited hip operation. We are pleased to report that the operation went well and Caroline is making a good recovery at home. She hopes to be back at preschool by the end of this half term. We all send our best wishes!

Leah has now left us and has a new job at Sandhills Day Nursery. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her new job.

If you are not sure who your child's key person will be as a result of these absences, there will be a full list displayed on our notice board in pre-school.

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### Dates for your Diary

- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** we are lucky enough to have **ZooLab** coming back to visit us and this time the theme will be Minibeasts. This visit is only available to those children who usually attend on a Wednesday morning but we do try to rotate the days of ZooLab visits so that as many children as possible get a turn.



- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Stay and Play morning.** A lovely opportunity for parents and carers to stay and play. There will be coffee, cake sale and raffle and children's learning journeys will be on display so you will be able to see all the hard work your child has done and how they are progressing. Siblings are, of course, welcome but please bear in mind that you are responsible for them.



- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am until 12 noon - Gardening Morning.** We will be having a big tidy up in the garden. Please come and join us even if just for half an hour. All extra pairs of hands will be very much appreciated.



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## Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am in the back room. All are welcome to attend.

If you have anything you would like to bring to the committee's attention, you can do so by email to [mortimerhallps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mortimerhallps@yahoo.co.uk).

### Clothes

Outdoor play - with the arrival of the better weather please can you ensure that your child has a named sun hat and sun cream applied for outdoor play on warm days.

The patio play area gets hot in the sunshine and is unshaded.

**Please make sure all clothing and lunch boxes have your child's name on.**

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Here are the remaining term dates for this academic year. We will include the term dates for next year in our summer newsletter. Speaking of next year, staff will soon be approaching you to ask about your plans for September. Once you know your plans, you can either email our administrator, Alison, at [mortimerhallps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mortimerhallps@yahoo.co.uk) or speak to your child's key person.

### TERM DATES

#### Summer – Term 3

Monday 16 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018

(Closed for Early May Bank Holiday, Monday 07 May 2018)

Half Term: Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 01 June 2018

Monday 04 June 2018 to Tuesday 24 July 2018

\*\* Please note these dates may vary slightly from local school holidays \*\*

**Pre-school will be CLOSED on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for polling and on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May for the Early May Bank Holiday.**

For more information about pre-school, please visit our website at <http://www.mortimerhallpreschool.com/>.

And follow us on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/groups/mortimerhallpreschool/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mortimerhallpreschool/). If you are not yet a member of our Facebook pages, please contact our administrator, Alison at [mortimerhallps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mortimerhallps@yahoo.co.uk) and she will be happy to add you.

I am in Pre-School

I am not built to sit still, to keep my hands to myself, take turns, be patient, stand in line, or keep quiet.

I need motion, I need novelty, I need adventure, and I need to engage the world with my whole body.

LET ME PLAY  
(Trust me, I'm learning.)