



Crossways Term 3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3 04/01/22 – 18/02/22

TERM 4 28/02/22 – 08/04/22

TERM 5 25/04/22 -27/05/22

TERM 6 06/06/22 – 15/07/22

INSET DATES

25/04/21

15/07/22

LETTER OF THE WEEK

04/01/22 – L

10/01/22 – F

17/01/22 -- B

24/01/22 -- W

31/01/22 – J

07/02/22 – Z

SEE WHITE BOARD FOR MAKATON
SIGN

Coronavirus – We are continuing to follow Government guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. We will continue to wash hands throughout the day. If your child is unwell do not send to pre-school, do not bring to pre-school if a parent is positive, and get someone who is negative to bring them. We are one room and a drop in staff due to positive tests may mean we will have to reduce numbers or shut.

OFSTED – An inspection was carried out on 09/12/21, we are still waiting for the report to go live on their website. We cannot tell you what happened or the outcome until we have permission from OFSTED.

Pick up – It is really important for children to be collected on time at 12.00, 12.30 and 15.15. If you are going to be late you need to contact pre-school to arrange the late collection. There is a late collection fee if your child is not collected (see Fee Policy).

Tapestry – Reports are on the main page of Tapestry, you will not be able to access the report through the app. We aim to put 1 picture/observation a week however this does not always happen due to sickness or absence from pre-school. You can use tapestry to communicate with us through the pictures you upload.

Facebook – Please continue to support us on FB, liking and commenting on our posts, we do put information on there about what happens at pre-school or other events. We will be opening a private FB page which can be aimed more at individual year groups.

Committee - The next committee meeting is Wednesday 26th January 2022 @ 8.00pm, this will be held in person at Crossways.

Theme – Weather, this is split into different types, the children can talk with you about the activities they do related to the type of weather. We will be using Makaton as well, the white board has information regarding the signs. We will also have water, sand, play dough, gloop, moon dust, baking and being outside as much as we can. We also have Pancake Day, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.

Letter of the WEEK - each week is a new letter, we will teach the phonic sound alongside the action. Makaton, children are being taught different words also learning nursery rhymes with signs.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/> you can support us using this link when shopping on – line. Click on the link and put First Step Pre-school Limited in the search box.

Weather – The weather is very wet at the moment, can you ensure they have a change of clothing as they are playing in the garden. Wellies are for outside, shoes are for inside.

Absence - If your child is not going to be attending their normal sessions can you e-mail crossways@firststeppreschool.co.uk or phone **01454 867283** to let us know. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must be kept home until they have gone **48 hours** without symptoms (this does not include the day they were sick). If we do not hear from you we will try to make contact. If your child is unwell at pre-school we will ring you to collect. admissions@firststeppreschool.co.uk is not manned every day.

Lunch – The children do only get 30 min for lunch, it is a social time, if they have not eaten much this is because they are talking, if they have not eaten their crisps this is because they have not asked for them to be opened, we are encouraging the children to be independent ready for school. We have no spoons or forks can you ensure they are in their lunch boxes. We encourage the children to drink throughout the day, if you put juice in we will once they have drank it replace with water in their bottle.

School Ready – We are encouraging the children to be independent, asking them to use their words and voice to ask for things, putting coats on and off, shoes and wellies on and off, recognising the letter at the start of their name, if you can also support your child at home to do this as well it will help them to be independent when they start school.

Before and after school + Holiday sessions – we offer before pre-school (8am) care. After school till 4pm or 5pm. Holiday club is bookable from now for February half term. Email Sally admin@firststeppreschool.com for information/space.

Contact us – We are available to speak to you if you have any problems via email or phone, we can make arrangements to meet face to face if you need to. Our mobile phone is 07783574404 or 07718 798826, they are emergency contacts, they are not always heard when we are in session.

Thank you for your support