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NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 4

Dear Parent

Unfortunately, we must start off our Spring Newsletter on a serious note with sharing our procedures on how we as a provision are dealing with the current international crisis with coronavirus (COVID-19).

We are led by Public Health England who provide advice to educational and care settings in England. Current information is updated and passed to us every afternoon so that we can always be informed for the safety of our children, families and staff. Public Health England will contact us if we need to take any action or when we should close to children in the coming weeks or months.

CURRENT ADVICE:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a persistent cough and/or high temperature. If you or your child have these symptoms, however mild, we are asking that you do not bring your child to playgroup, stay at home and self isolate for 7 days from when symptoms start. If your symptoms worsen contact NHS 111 online (<https://111.nhs.uk/>). If you do not have internet access call NHS 111 or 999 in a medical emergency.

What we would like parents to do to delay spread of infection:

Although our policy is usually to say that normal colds, runny noses are fine at playgroup and is part of everyday seasonal sharing of germs but at this time of crisis we ask that if your child is unwell, their immune system may be lowered and then they are at greater risk, so please do not bring them to playgroup. Children will need rest and good hydration at home until they are well again.

Do not bring children who have a temperature or had a temperature during the night.

Do not bring children who have had diarrhoea and or sickness for a clear 48 hours of the last attack.



Do not bring children that have or are recovering from the normal childhood ailments such as impetigo, conjunctivitis until they are completely better.

Do not bring in children that seem well but are still on medication such as anti-biotics or have taking Calpol or another temperature lowering medication.

Please remind your children to wash hands with soap regularly and supervise their hygiene routines more closely at home.

Ensure we have all your up to date emergency details and someone remains contactable while your child is at playgroup.

What we are doing to prevent spread of infection:

All adults are washing their hands with soap constantly and using hand sanitising gels. We are wearing gloves.

We have upped our cleaning routines to ensure we are regularly throughout the day wiping surfaces, handles and cleaning of sinks, kitchen and toilets and using disposable anti-bac wipes, sprays with single use paper towels where possible. Toys and equipment are being put through a hot wash

We are reminding children not to put toys to their mouths.

We are supporting them to cover their mouths and noses when sneezing and to use single use tissues that are put into the bin.

We are asking the children to wash their hands more regularly with soap and supervising them so that it is effective.

We will be sending children with temperatures home.

We have the same policy with staff/students if they are unwell, they will not be working within the setting during this time.

We are all here to support each other, you and your families to give the best care for your children, please speak to Delia/Sally if you are worried or unsure about any of the information or procedures. Let's hope this comes to a speedy conclusion and we all remain healthy and safe. Thank you.

Delia/Sally

Managers

On and behalf of the Playgroup Committee

Hello Parents

Although there is a lot of worry at the moment, we will continue with our usual day to day business with just a few extra precautions until we are informed differently.

LEARNING AND PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

We play and learn outdoors even in the colder months and by continuing to develop the use of the outdoors so that your children can investigate and explore their environment and experience how it changes throughout the seasons. Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for indoor and outdoor activities with plenty of layers. We also will be celebrating St Patrick`s Day and Mother`s Day with lots of arts and crafts projects for the children to enjoy.



EASTER Happy Easter! ACTIVITIES

CHOCOLATE HAMPER AND EASTER EGG DECORATION COMPETITION

Can all parents kindly contribute a chocolate of some sort for our Easter Hamper, chocolate eggs, bunnies, sweets and biscuits, collection basket is outside. We then intend to raffle the hampers as a fundraiser at the end of term. If children would also like to design an Easter Egg and send it in named with an entry fee of £1:00 to be displayed on our Egg Board, prizes for the top 3!

30 HOURS AND FEES

Reminder to parents to renew their 30 hours on time so that they remain eligible please.

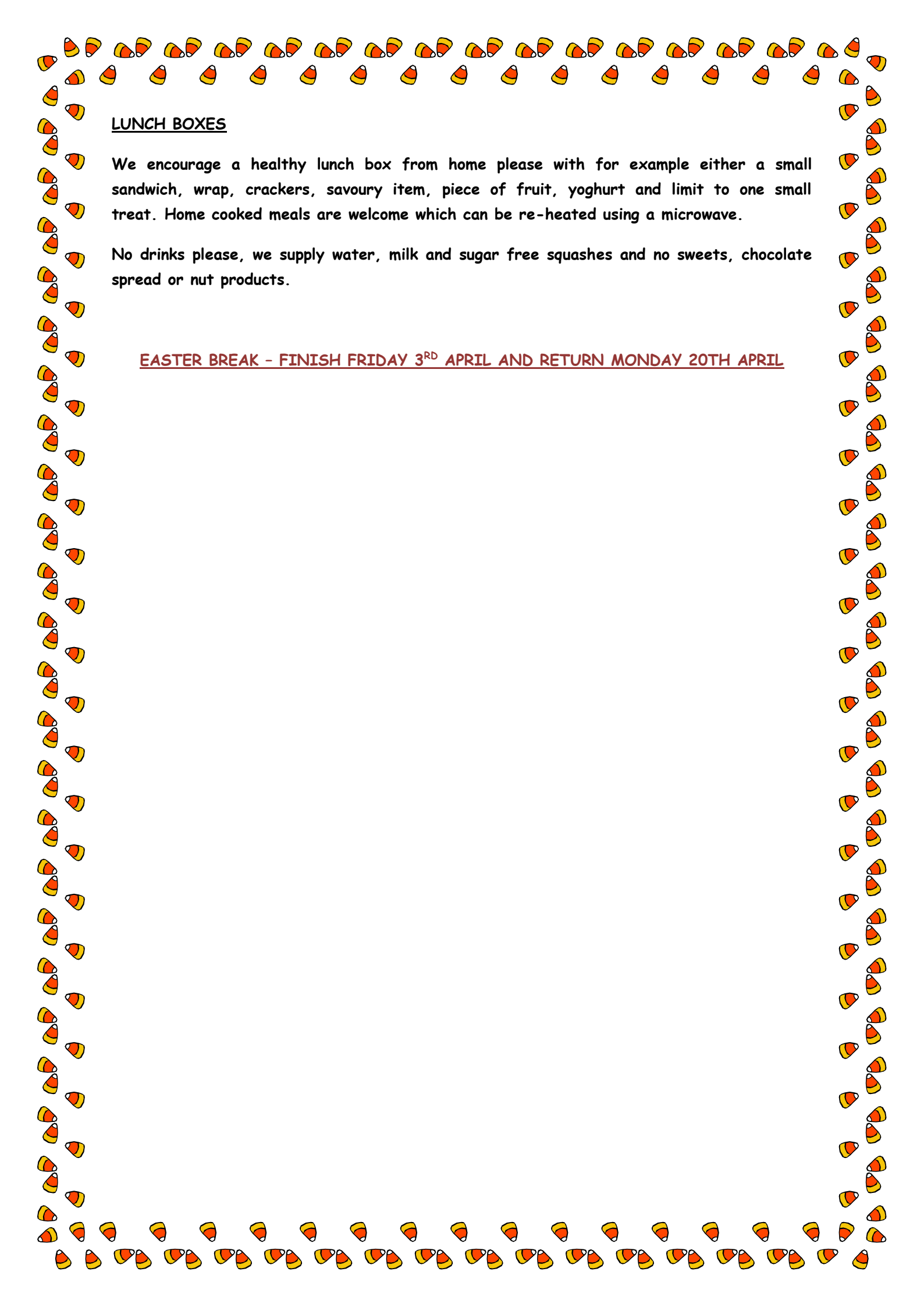
Fees should be paid so that payment is no more than 2 weeks in arrears as per our policy and must be paid before the last day of term. We hate chasing parents especially as we feel we are very flexible so please keep payments up to date.

HEADLICE

We have had a few cases of headlice reported, please check and treat your children's hair regularly to keep the bugs at bay!

PARKING:

Please do not park in front or on or obstruct our neighbour's driveways, we are receiving constant complaints by very frustrated and angry residents which we do not want and what can we do but ask parents nicely not too! Thanks for your co-operation.



LUNCH BOXES

We encourage a healthy lunch box from home please with for example either a small sandwich, wrap, crackers, savoury item, piece of fruit, yoghurt and limit to one small treat. Home cooked meals are welcome which can be re-heated using a microwave.

No drinks please, we supply water, milk and sugar free squashes and no sweets, chocolate spread or nut products.

EASTER BREAK - FINISH FRIDAY 3RD APRIL AND RETURN MONDAY 20TH APRIL