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# Goslings Pre-School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break, hope you all had a wonderful time with your families and friends.

We would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards and gifts we received.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** - The price for a pre-school lunch is £2.55.

If your child is having a school lunch these **MUST be booked and paid for by 9.30am on the day that they will be having them, if the money isn't received then your child will be unable to have a school lunch and you will be phoned to bring a packed lunch in.**

If you wish to pay for a whole week of lunches the office requests that this is put in an envelope with your child's name on it and that the money is in installments of £2.55.

**Please do not send peanut butter/chocolate spread sandwiches in your child's lunch box or any other nut products as we have Nut allergies in school.**

## Diary Dates

2025

6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET DAY (no children in)

7<sup>th</sup> January – SPRING TERM BEGINS

5<sup>th</sup> February – STAY AND PLAY  
1.45pm-3pm

7<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February – HALF TERM

6<sup>th</sup> March – BOOK SHARE SESSION  
2.30pm-3pm

6<sup>th</sup> March – World book day

21<sup>st</sup> March – Red nose day

4<sup>th</sup> April – LAST DAY OF TERM

7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April – EASTER BREAK

22<sup>nd</sup> April – SUMMER TERM BEGINS



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

30 hours funding – you will need to re-confirm your eligibility through the HMRC website every 3 months. If eligibility is not re-confirmed you will lose the additional free hours for your child and you will be asked to pay for these additional hours.

## Family Photos

Thank you to everyone who has brought their family photo in for our display board, the children really enjoy looking at them and talking about their families with each other. If you haven't sent yours in yet we would be very grateful if you could send one in so that it can be displayed. If you would prefer you can email your photos to [goslings@coates.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:goslings@coates.cambs.sch.uk) and I will then print them out and display them.

## SESSION PAYMENTS

All payments for additional sessions should be made at least weekly, on the first day of that week's session. Should payment not be made as specified we cannot guarantee that the place will be available for the future. If the child is absent due to illness or is unable to attend an additional session these will still be charged for. Non-payment of additional sessions for planned holidays is available with four weeks written notice given. **Please can we remind parents/carers that due to the legal requirements of ratios of adults to children it is essential that children are collected promptly at 12pm or 3pm. Failure to do so could result in a late fine of £10 per late pick up.**

Home learning ideas - we will be looking at Winter, Goldilocks and Chinese New Year, below are some ideas for you and your child to try.

### Winter

- Listen to the story 'One Snowy Night' here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vChCLsf6DEs>
- Make a bird feeder - attached instructions
- Mark making - Pour salt, sugar or flower into a small tray. Children can use their finger to make marks, patterns or practise writing the letters of their name. On a frosty morning, this could also be done outside on frosty surfaces.

### Goldilocks

- Learn the Goldilocks song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFXE3zvXbjc>
- You can also listen to the story here [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOJ\\_A5tgBKM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOJ_A5tgBKM)
- Make some porridge and try different toppings e.g. jam, honey, fruit
- Use a selection of spoons, bowls and teddy bears of different sizes, can you put them in order of size from the smallest to the largest.
- Spread a shallow layer of porridge oats in a tray, can you make different lines, shapes and letters using your fingers.

### Chinese New Year

- Learn about the Chinese New Year [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm9LJC\\_5g2o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm9LJC_5g2o)
- Listen to the story Maisy's Chinese New Year <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bJg4f6W328>
- Fireworks are often seen during Chinese New Year. Paint or draw a firework picture. You could use crayons, pens, paint or glitter and glue.
- Make a model dragon - you could use cardboard tubes and boxes, playdough, construction toys or natural materials like leaves and pebbles. Maybe you could take a photo of your dragon model and put it on Tapestry.