 **February/March Newsletter 2021**

 We look forward to welcoming back some more of our children after the holiday, on the days you have requested/ agreed with Helen. Obviously, we will again be keeping a close eye on Government guidance re Covid and all usual routines will be in place regarding health and safety to reduce as much risk as possible. Temperatures will be taken at the beginning of each day and regular handwashing/sanitising etc. Please could we ask that all parents/carers wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting, unless exempt.

Our topic when we return to Pre school after the half term holiday will be Spring. Our first week back will be free play and then during the following weeks we will hope to get out for a few walks to look for signs of Spring, our role play area will be turned into a Garden Centre where the children can pretend to plant bulbs and flowers, we will be introducing Spring words to sign at morning time, discussing the names of baby animals and creating still life drawings of daffodils. During our final week we will be celebrating Easter, listening to Easter stories, making Easter baskets, having bunny hop and egg and spoon races and enjoying Easter egg hunts. We hope you are enjoying looking at your child’s online Early Essence Pre -School Learning Journey, which staff will be adding more to in the coming term. Don’t forget that you are also able to add to your child’s Home Learning Journey on there too. There is a link to the Early Essence website on our main homepage [www.norlandpreschool.org.uk](http://www.norlandpreschool.org.uk) Please speak to a member of staff if you need your login details.

 **News**

**All staff are now having weekly Lateral Flow Covid tests to help minimise risk. As previously, parents will be notified straight away if any children need to self-isolate, due to a staff member testing positive and we would kindly ask you to inform us immediately if a member of your household has tested positive**

**Key Dates and Events**

* **Friday 19th February** – Pre School fees due on or before this date and prior to re opening. Jodie will be emailing out invoices soon.
* **Monday 22nd February** – Pre-School and BAAS re-open.
* **Thursday 1st April** – Last day of term.
* **Monday 19th April** – Pre-school and BAAS re-open.

For daily photos and updates on what children have been doing at pre-school, please follow us on social media: Instagram and Private group on Facebook.