



NEWSLETTER, Autumn Term, 2017

Welcome Back!! This term we welcome Willow, Lynton, Thea, Nancy, Hendrix, Felix, Joshua and Barley and their families to pre-school. All the children have settled back into pre-school well, and are enjoying the various activities... most especially being outside!

With the new academic year, we have had a small change to the staffing structure. Marie continues as Pre-School Manager, supported by Lauren and Becci in the room, and Helen in the office. Your Pre-School Assistants are Janna, Sally, Kerry and Nicola, and we welcome new apprentice Jade to the team. Jade joined us last year on a Work Placement from College, and she was so good we asked her to stay. We also hope to welcome Louise back later in the year when her little one is a bit bigger!

NEW COMMITTEE

At the meeting in July, several parents stepped forward to join the committee. However, with the summer holidays getting in the way, only one has fully completed the Ofsted and DBS checks and fully joined the committee. Can I please remind those who volunteered to complete the EY2 and DBS forms as soon as possible? Unfortunately, with the AGM due in November, if we don't have more committee members when those resigning stand down, we will have to close.

If you would like to join the committee, please come and speak to Marie or Sarah (Chair).

This Term

This term our theme is ALL ABOUT ME and AUTUMN. We will be getting to know the children and encouraging them to think about their families and pets, their favourite things and how they see themselves. If you have a favourite family or pet photo your child would like to share, that would be great but let us know if you want it back!!

We have a favourite book or rhyme each term too. At the moment the children are enjoying 'The Three Little Pigs', and we will shortly move onto 'Stickman'.

Winter Weather

Can we please remind all parents we are very much an outdoors setting... please provide warm jumpers and coats, and a spare change of clothes as we do lots of water play. Welly boots are also a must have item (we do have spares so don't rush out and buy, but tell Marie). **All items should be named** appropriately (including the bag!) and can be brought in daily or left in the cloakroom on your child's peg. We will do our very best to make sure your child's belongings always go home with them, however with up to 20 children each session, if it isn't named, it is very difficult!!

Due to the vast numbers of items left unclaimed last year, we will begin to mark beakers and clothing labels with your child's initials if it isn't marked in future.

PLEASE also dress your child in older clothes. We paint, play with water and other creative things every day, and clothes can get marked and stained.

Uniform

Pre-School fleece jackets and polo shirts are available as always priced at £12 and £8 respectively, as well as book bags at £5. We keep a small supply at pre-school but if we haven't the right size it can be quickly ordered. This is a great way of ensuring your child's own clothes stay nice, and the book bags are fantastic for looking after art work!!

Parent Rota

A new parent rota is in the welcome area. ALL parents are encouraged to stay for a session to see just how much fun your child has. Please, please sign up. Stay for an hour, or stay for a day. We are just happy to see you!

Dates for your Diary

9am 15th November 2017	Bag2School Collection
TBC	Christmas Bingo
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children)
And at 12noon	Christmas Party & Visit from Father Christmas
Last day of half term	Friday 20th October 2017

Term Dates for 2017 - 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Half Term	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October
Last day of Term	Friday 15 th December 1pm

Spring Term 2018

Term Begins	Tuesday 2 nd January
Half Term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 28 th March

Summer Term 2017

Term Begins	Tuesday 17 th April
Half Term	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June
Last Day of Term	Friday 13 th July 1pm

As always, please come and speak to your key worker or a member of the team if you have any questions.

The Pre-School Team x