



April 2016 NEWSLETTER

Recent News, Notices and Reminders from the Barby Pre-School Team!

STAFFING

As you know, we will soon be saying goodbye to Sarah Houghton who has done a superb job at delivering excellent early years care for our children. We would like to thank Sarah for all her hard work, and wish her all the best for the future. Please join us for a pub meal to celebrate her time with us on **Sunday 22nd May**. There is a sign up sheet and menu displayed next to the Pre-school signing in sheet – it would be lovely to see you there!

We are delighted to announce that Debbie Hyde has agreed to take on the role of Pre-School Supervisor on Sarah's departure. If you have any queries relating to the management or future of the pre-school, please do not hesitate to contact Gemma Combellack, the Chair of the preschool committee.

Our student Gemma will be in Pre-school every Monday until July.

FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL ROOM

Over the past couple of months the children have been doing many Spring related activities, which have been a good starting point for discussing the life cycle process.

The children had a good time making grass monsters, and we hope they have had fun cutting their monster's hair at home.



The children are eagerly waiting for their beanstalks to sprout, and they have enjoyed the many learning experiences that the Jack and the Beanstalk story has provided, in terms of language usage and mathematical concepts. Other vegetables have also featured in counting and weighing exercises, and the Enormous Turnip story has been the theme for one of their dance routines, and other creative activities.

ONLEY TRAINS FAMILY PICNIC

Our annual trip to Onley trains is on Wednesday 29th June. The cost is £5 per family and the trains will run from 1pm to 3pm, with unlimited rides – it is a fantastic afternoon! Parents will need to make arrangements to get to the location with their children.



A poster with more information will be displayed shortly, and we will let you know when the tickets are available to purchase.

NOTICES

Parent Consultations

On Tuesday May 3rd we will be offering parents consultations throughout the day at Pre-school. Please make an appointment with your child's key person to arrange an appointment. If you are unable to attend on this date we will do our best to offer an alternative appointment.

Polling Days

On **Thursday 5th May**, and **Thursday 23rd June** the usual Pre-school room will be used for polling days. Pre-school will run as normal, but from the main hall.

Mud Kitchen

We are keen to get our mud kitchen up and running but first we would ask parents to provide an all in one waterproof suit. These can be purchased from Amazon for around £10.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Parent and Child Questionnaires are being sent home with your child over the next week. Could you please return them in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided by **Friday 13th May**. We really appreciate your time and honesty in completing them, and your feedback will help us make our Pre-School even better! Many thanks in advance.

REMINDERS

Sun Cream

Sun cream- It is that time of year again! Please could you put sun cream on your child before sending them to Pre-school and as the months get warmer we will ask you to bring sun cream in to Pre-school.

Nuts

Please ensure that you do NOT include any nuts or nut products (such as peanut butter) in your children's lunch boxes, due to possible allergic reactions. One of our current children's sibling has a severe reaction to nuts, so this is extremely important.

Ice Packs

As the days are getting warmer, please remember to include an ice pack in your child's lunch box.

Children's Safety

A gentle reminder to all parents that as you enter the internal door into Pre-school to drop off or pick up your children, please come right inside and make sure the door is closed behind you, especially if you want to chat to staff. This is to ensure that no children sneak out un-noticed, with so many people coming and going.

Clothing and Nappies

Please ensure that your child comes to Pre-school with a change of clothes – even those who are older may get wet playing, or if drinks get spilt! If your child is still in nappies, please can you provide at least 2-3 spare nappies, along with plenty of wipes and cream.

Mobile Phones

As per our policy, mobile phones must not be used in the Pre-School Room or Hall during session times. Please leave the room if you need to make any calls.

FUNDRAISING

We have had two very successful fundraising events recently. Our **Splat a Saturday** messy play session was enjoyed by all children who attended, and this raised **£75**.

Our annual **Quiz Night** held on the 24th April raised an amazing **£545!**

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very much to all the people who donated their time and/or materials - we can't do it without your support!

These funds are put towards resources for the Pre-School. We have just purchased a new water table and aprons which should be arriving soon, in time for the summer months.

We are looking forward to putting on more events and will keep you informed. If anyone has any fundraising ideas, or work for a company that may be able to provide sponsorship for an event, please do get in touch with Ally Walter, the Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

allywalter@hotmail.com or ph 07789 120152



YOUR PRE-SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

The Committee is always keen for extra volunteers! Please feel free to have a chat to any of the Staff or Committee members if you would like to know more about the roles, and how you can support our fantastic pre-school!

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take over the role of **Treasurer** after our AGM in June. It would be beneficial if you have experience in finance, but not essential. Please see the notice board for contact details.

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DATES



Monday 2nd May

Closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May

Parent Consultations

Sunday 22nd May

Pub meal

Friday 27th May

End of Term 5

Start of Term 6

Monday 6th June (Open to Pupils)

Wednesday 22nd June

Tempest Photos

Wednesday 29th June

Onley Trains

June AGM

(Date to be confirmed)

Tuesday 19th July

Graduation

Wednesday 20th July

End of Term 6

Thursday 21st July

Teacher Training Day