



July 2016 NEWSLETTER

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

STAFF MESSAGE

We are very excited to announce the appointment of a new full-time Pre-school Assistant – **Mandy Reid**. Mandy is enthusiastic and energetic, with over 13 years experience in childcare settings. She is looking forward to joining us officially in September, but you may get the opportunity to meet her before the close of term as she comes in to familiarise herself with the setting and our children. We would like to thank Mel and Helen for all their work over this term supporting myself and Karina, and wish them all the best.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer break, and we look forward to seeing many of you in September. Please do let us know if your requirements for sessions in September change. **Happy Holidays!**



FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL ROOM

We have been having a lot of fun over the past few weeks going on 'holiday', including our trip on the aeroplane. We have also made our own ice lollies and ate them for snack. We have played in a pretend hotel with real suitcases and made our own tents and dens outside.



ONLEY TRAINS FAMILY PICNIC REPORT

Who needs sunshine to have a good time?



Despite the rain, many families turned up in their waterproofs and wellies to ride the trains. The children's enthusiasm certainly wasn't dampened by the weather, with most children enjoying several loops of the scenic track. We were also fortunate to have the use of the clubhouse for our picnic, and respite from the weather when required.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Thank you to those who have put in their order forms for photographs. Hopefully these will be ready for collection from Pre-school by the end of term. If not, Debbie will sort out arrangements to get them to you.

NOTICES



Graduation and End of Year Party

We will be celebrating the graduation of the children who will be leaving us for school in September. This will take place on **Tuesday July 19th at 2.00pm**. It will be preceded by a leaving party from **12.15pm – 1.30pm**. We are asking families to bring in some food for the children to share, and you will see a sign up sheet next to the register – please indicate which food items you would be happy to contribute. All families are welcome at this event, although if your child is not normally in Pre-school on a Tuesday afternoon, parents/care givers will be required to stay with them. Good bye and good luck to all our school leavers!

We have graduation gowns available for the children, and do ask a donation for the use of them. The donation box will be out on the day of graduation. There will also be refreshments available.

September Term Dates

Pre-school will be open to the children on **Tuesday 6th September**, as Monday is being used for Teacher Training.

Please note that this is different to what was previously advertised, and differs slightly from Barby School term dates.

REMINDERS

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

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. Please also ensure that your child has a named sunhat with them.

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 warmer now, 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 – Upcoming Events!

We raised **£130** at our Bacon Buttie stall at the Village Garage Sale Sunday 12th June. While not as much as we hoped, we did share the workload and profits with the Church this year (due to only a small number of Pre-school volunteers), and perhaps the rain kept some of the potential customers away on the day. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this event!

Sunday 25th September Pre-loved Sale

Please contact Ally if you would like to sell at a table-£10

Friday 28th October Halloween Party/Disco

Due to the success of last year's party, we are looking forward to another evening of spooky fun!

More details will be available closer to the time. If you are able to help out with any of the above or future events, please contact Ally. Even if you can only manage a couple of hours, it all helps!

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 Leader of the Fundraising Team.

allywalter@hotmail.com or ph 07789 120152

COMMITTEE NEWS

It was agreed at the AGM held on the 23rd June that we would change the official timing of our AGM back to September. We believe that this would give families who join us in September a chance to become more involved in our Pre-school.

Current officers will hold their positions until this date, but we are looking for people who are willing to take on the roles of **Treasurer** (ASAP) and **Fees Administrator** along with general members.

We also have an enthusiastic Fundraising Team who would welcome any help you can offer.

Barby Pre-School is dependant on the Management Committee to run, so all volunteers are welcome. Please have a chat to the Staff or Committee members to find out more about how you can support our fantastic pre-school!

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DIARY DATES



Tuesday 19th July

Graduation and Party

Wednesday 20th July

End of Term 6

Thursday 21st July

Teacher Training Day

TERM 1

Monday 5th September

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 6th September

Pre-School Open to children

Thursday 22nd September

AGM

Sunday 25th September

Pre-loved Sale

Friday 21st October

End of Term 1

Friday 28th October

Halloween Party/Disco

TERM 2

Monday 31st November

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 1st October

Pre-School open to children

December (date to be confirmed)

Breakfast with Santa

Tuesday 20th December

End of Term 2