



June 2016 NEWSLETTER

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

STAFFING

Welcome back to our last half term of the year! As I have taken on the role of Supervisor, Karina has stepped up to become Deputy Supervisor. Mel is continuing with us until the end of the academic year and you may have noticed a familiar face back in the Pre-school - Helen Johnson (Chatterbox) who has been a part of the pre-school fabric for many years. She has come out of retirement (again!) to join the team on Monday and Tuesdays (10am-1.30pm) and Friday afternoons. Welcome back Helen!

We are currently advertising for a qualified member of staff to join our team come September. Please see our website for more details of this position. You will receive an email shortly regarding sessions for your children. If you could please reply to this email it will help us with planning our staffing in the new year.

FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL ROOM

The children have been watching caterpillars grow before half term, and are very excited to see that most of them are now tucked up in their chrysalises – we are now waiting to see what happens next! The children also enjoyed a colour mixing activity, which involved painting their own and other children's hands. This extended into making prints on paper, initiated by the children.

The topic for this coming half term is Seaside Holidays. We have many activities planned for the children and are asking for your help to provide resources. Could you please bring in the following:

- empty fromage frais pots
- post cards or photos from your holidays

ONLY TRAINS FAMILY PICNIC

Wednesday 29th June

Family Tickets (£5) are now available from either Debbie (Pre-school), or Helen (Chatterbox). Please hand in your money for tickets in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it, and the ticket (s) will be issued to you once processed. For more information please refer to the poster and letter sent home. We hope to see you there!



TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

On **Wednesday 23rd June** the **Tempest Photographer** will be in the main hall from 8.45am. We will be taking your child down to be photographed during the morning session unless you would like to have them photographed with siblings. In this case we would ask for you to take them down before dropping off at Pre-school. Those who wish to have siblings that are school aged are welcome to come along at 8.45am before school for them to be included on the photographs.

NOTICES



Graduation

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 12pm – 1.30pm, We will give you more details of this event closer to the time. All families are welcome to wish our school leavers all the best of luck!

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.

School Visits

The children who are moving on to Barby School in September start their visits this week. Please refer to the letter that was sent out for details of times etc.

Polling Days

On **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.

Communication Books

We have reinstated our communication books to share information between you and your child's key worker. These work best if they are used regularly, so please do keep a look out for them. If you are unsure how to use them, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you very much to those of you who completed and returned the questionnaires. We will be providing you with a summary and action plan shortly.

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 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 – volunteers needed!

Barby Village Garage Sale Sunday 12th June

This year we are sharing the hosting of the Bacon Buttie Stall with the Church. This is usually a very busy day, and a good money raising event for us. We are asking for volunteers to help out within the hours of 9am – 2.30pm. Even if you can only spare an hour or two, it would really make a difference! Our busiest time is 11.30-1.30pm. Please see the sign up sheet by the pre-school signing in sheet. Many thanks in advance!

The Brownies will have a stall set up by the village shop where you can get maps of where all the garage sales are – happy bargain hunting!

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

AGM

Thursday 23rd June

The Barby Pre-School Management Committee is holding its AGM in the main hall at 8pm. Everyone is welcome! There will be drinks and nibbles provided after the meeting.

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. 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



Sunday 12th June

Barby Garage Sale

Wednesday 22nd June

Tempest Photos

Wednesday 29th June

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Thursday 23rd June

AGM

Tuesday 19th July

Graduation

Wednesday 20th July

End of Term 6

Thursday 21st July

Teacher Training

Term 1

Thursday 1st September

Teacher Training Day

Friday 2nd September

Teacher Training Day

Monday 5th September

School Open to pupils

Friday 21st October

Term Ends