



June 2017 NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL ROOM

We are learning about growth, life-cycles and changes this term. It has been very exciting to meet our chicks, recently hatched from the eggs we were incubating last term, along with the butterflies that we have watched grow from caterpillars. We will be trying some new food, and talking about what makes us grow big – is it chocolate or fruit? We also plan to have fun using vegetables and fruit to make pictures. We have lots to prepare for including sports day at school for the older children, and graduation day too.

We are looking at holding an open morning this term to give you an opportunity to stay and play with your child to see what they get up to while at pre-school – dates to be confirmed.

We will be sending out an email soon regarding sessions for your children from September. If you could please reply to this email it will help you to get the sessions you would prefer, and assist with our planning.

30 HOUR FUNDING

Barby Pre-school WILL be offering places for 30 hour funding from September next year for those who are eligible. More details to follow shortly!

OUTSIDE SPACE

We hope that you have been pleased to see the changes taking place in our outdoor space. We are currently in the process of applying for a National Lottery Grant to enable us to make even greater improvements later in the year if we are successful. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the area, so please email us with any ideas you may have. We will keep you updated!

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Last chance to donate your Active Kids Voucher – please drop them in the box by **June 30th**!

ONLEY TRAINS FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday 24th June
from 12pm for picnic, 1-3pm trains

Come and celebrate our 25th birthday at Onley Trains! Family Tickets (£7.50) are now available from either Debbie (Pre-school), or from Chatterbox. Please hand in your money for tickets in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. We hope you all choo-choo-choose to spend a great afternoon with us!



TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

On **Wednesday 21st 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 include siblings that are school aged in the photographs, are welcome to come along at 8.45am. School leavers will also have the option of being photographed in their gowns!

FUNDS RAISED

A HUGE Thank you to all who helped out by donating time or goods to the events below. With the funds raised we have been able to purchase some good quality tricycles and scooters for the children which have just arrived – check them out!

QUIZ NIGHT £340.27

BAGS to SCHOOL £60

LEAVERS TEA TOWELS £50



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 **Friday 21st at 10am**. All families are welcome!

Please note that pre-school closes for the summer break at 12pm 21st July, after the graduation.

School Visits

The children who are moving on to Barby School in September will have several visits there in the next few weeks. A letter will be sent home with details once details have been finalised.

Polling Day - Thursday 8th June

Pre-school will run as normal this polling day, as the voting will take place in the main hall. Please do be extra aware of where your children are at drop off and pick up time, as there will be many people/cars coming and going.

PARENT SURVEYS

Have your voice heard! Please complete our parent survey (out next week) to help us improve you and your child's experience at Barby Pre-school!

REMINDERS

Pick up times

Please can we remind parents to be prompt when collecting your child at 12pm, 1pm or 3pm, to minimise disruption for the children who may be here all day, and ensure the staff can finish on time.

Please wait at the inside door and a staff member will bring your child to you, as it can be distracting when parents come into the room, especially during group time. This will also allow us the opportunity to inform you of their day, and address any queries you may have.

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.

Ice Packs

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

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.

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.

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.

FUNDRAISING and EVENTS

Mini Meadows Trip Review

We had a fantastic trip on Thursday 4th May to Mini Meadows! The children enjoyed feeding the animals and playing in the play ground and sandpit there. For those who went on the coach, this was also very exciting...several children fell asleep on the way home - a sure sign they'd had a happy busy day!

Barby Village Garage Sale Sunday 11th June

Pre-school will NOT be holding a stall this year, but if you are, and you have space to sell some edible treats on behalf of pre-school, any proceeds donated would be very welcome! Please pick up one of our new posters from Debbie.

Church Fete Sunday 25th June

Barby Pre-school will be holding a stall here (type to be confirmed), with the proceeds going to the Church.

Barby School Summer Fayre Saturday 8th July

We will be holding our own stall at this event (type to be confirmed), with the proceeds from the going to our pre-school.

For both the Church Fete and the Summer Fayre we will be putting a rota out for volunteers to man the stalls in half hour segments – look out for the sign up sheet!

COMMITTEE NEWS

Ally is stepping down from her responsibilities on the committee, and we would like to say a HUGE thank you to her for all her hard work over the past few years, in particular for the many fundraising events where she was the driving force! Thank you Ally, and all the best for the future.

Our AGM, previously in June, has been moved to September, but now is the time to start thinking about how you can support our fantastic pre-school come the new year. There will be various roles to be filled as some members will be stepping down due to changes in circumstances. Could you play a part in the success of the pre-school by joining the management committee or helping with fundraising events?

Please feel free to have a chat to any of the staff or committee members if you would like to know more!

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DIARY DATES

Term 6

Sunday 11th June

Barby Village Garage Sale

Wednesday 21st June

Tempest Photos

Saturday 24th June

Onley Trains

Sunday 25th June

Church Fete

Saturday 8th July

School Summer Fayre

Wednesday 12th July

School Sports Day

Friday 21st July

Graduation

Term ends 12pm

Summer holidays!

Term 1

Monday 4th September

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th September

Pre-school Open to pupils

Friday 20th October

Term Ends