



# September 2016 NEWSLETTER

Recent News, Notices and Reminders from Barby Pre-School

We would like to welcome all our children old and new back to pre-school. We hope that you and your families enjoyed the holiday. Our topic for this half term is "all about me" and we will be chatting and celebrating lots of aspects of every member of our pre-school. We aim to settle all our children and introduce the group to each other, encouraging friendships for a smooth transition into the autumn term. If there are any festivals coming up that you celebrate as a family we would be very interested to know about them.

We have been very busy through the summer getting the pre-school room ready for another busy year. We have some fantastic new resources for the children to access including our new home corner. We are very excited about our Muddy Friday so please ensure you bring appropriate clothing and footwear. As we would like as many children as possible at preschool to have the opportunity to 'get muddy', the mud kitchen is always out, and we will alternate the day each term to include extra muddy activities.

## EVENTS

**Pre-loved Sale -Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-12.00**  
**(if you are interested in a table contact Ally on 07789120152 )**  
**Garden Tidy up day- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Halloween Party- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Breakfast with Santa- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

## Pre-loved Sale

Pre-school will be running a table at the pre-loved sale on which we are relying on kind donations. If you have any unwanted children's clothes or toys please bring them into pre-school next Friday. Thank you in advance.

## Sickness

If your child does become ill, especially with a tummy bug, please keep them at home for 48 hours after their last bout. This helps to minimise the risk of it spreading. A big thank you for your understanding.

## REMINDERS

### Outside

As the weather can be unpredictable please ensure you bring appropriate clothing and a spare set of clothes is a good idea.

### 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

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.

### Potty Training

Please ensure you include wipes along with lots of spare pants and trousers in your child's change bag.

### 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!

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September Pre-loved Sale

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

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to help before and on the day with setting up and taking down. We also require people to help make bacon butties and cups of tea! Please contact Ally if you can help, or put your name down on the sign up sheet out shortly.

This event is an excellent fundraiser for us, and this year all proceeds will go to Barby Pre-School. Please spread the word, and feel free to take a few posters to put up in your car, or put on notice boards when you are out and about. Many thanks in advance!

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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

## DIARY DATES

### TERM 1

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Teacher Training Day

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Pre-School Open to children

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

AGM

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Pre-loved Sale

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

End of Term 1

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Halloween Party/Disco

### TERM 2

#### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> November

Teacher Training Day

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Pre-School open to children

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Breakfast with Santa

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

End of Term 2



## COMMITTEE NEWS

It was agreed at the AGM held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June that we would change the official timing of our AGM back to September.

**We will therefore be holding a mini AGM on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, and everyone is welcome to attend.**

Having recently taken on the role of Chair, I am happy to continue, so will put myself forward. If others would like to take on the role, they are most welcome to put themselves forward too. We do require someone who is willing to take on the role of **Secretary** along with general members.

We also have an enthusiastic Fundraising Team who would welcome any help you can offer either before, during or after fundraising events.

Barby Pre-School is dependant on the Committee to run. Please have a chat to myself (Rachael Siggers), or to other Committee members and staff to find out more about how you can support our fantastic pre-school!

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