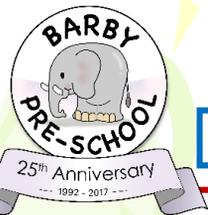


SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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



FROM THE STAFF

We would like to welcome all our children and families, new and old, back to pre-school – we hope you have had a lovely summer!

Welcome back to Karina, who is returning from her Maternity Leave. Karina is returning part-time, and is taking on a new role as our Administration Assistant on Thursdays, and working in the room on Fridays to support the other staff. Due to this change, Mandy will continue in the role of Deputy Supervisor on a permanent basis.

We are currently recruiting for another fulltime Pre-school Assistant, and will be holding interviews next week. Please see our website for more details of this vacancy.

FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL ROOM

Our theme this term is 'All about Me', and we will also be introducing a colour, shape and number of the week. We will be asking children to bring in something related to this to share at group time, and will let you know by email and the notice board what they are each week.

During our 'Pre-school' sessions for the older children on Monday and Thursday afternoons, the children will be taking part in 'funky finger' exercises to help with fine motor skills, and focusing on our letters, numbers and shapes in more detail.

HEALTHY LUNCHES

We like to encourage the children to eat healthy food, so please ensure that your child's lunchbox contains healthy options, and no chocolates or sweets. Thank you for your support in this!

NOTICES

Muddy Sessions

We will be running muddy sessions on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that you bring in named wellies and full body waterproofs for your children on these days, as they will get wet and muddy!

Wednesday 13th September
Friday 22nd September
Wednesday 27th September
Friday 6th October
Wednesday 11th October
Friday 20th October

Permissions Slips

A permission slip with regards to photos of your child on our website and Facebook page has been sent home this week. Please complete and return by posting in the suggestion box as soon as possible. We are updating our records and do require one for every child, even if you have completed one in the past. Many thanks in advance.

COMMITTEE NEWS

As announced at the Graduation Ceremony in July, Rachael Siggers has stepped down as Chair, however she will remain an active member of the committee, thank you Rachael!

Cat Sabine, mummy of Leo, has now stepped up into the Chair's position. Her email address is: catsabine@outlook.com should you wish to contact her for any reason.

The Pre-school AGM will be held on Monday 25th September at the Village Hall. Please arrive by 7.45pm for a prompt start at 8pm. All are welcome - there will be cake!

Barby Pre-school is dependant on the committee to keep its doors open. As some of our current members are stepping on due to commitments or children moving on to school, we do require more active volunteers as general members. In addition to this we are looking for someone to take on the role of **Secretary**. Could *you* play a part in the success of the pre-school by joining the management committee or helping with fundraising events? For more information on how you can support our fantastic pre-school, please speak to any of the current committee or staff.

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.

Outside Clothing

As the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year, please ensure you provide appropriate clothing for all weather.

Spare Clothes 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.

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.

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

Pre-school Halloween Disco Saturday 21st October 4.30 – 6.30pm*

We are planning to hold our hugely popular Halloween Disco again this year, and will let you know when tickets go on sale! As ever, we really need volunteers to help with this event. If you have any time to spare time to help with either planning, setting up, packing away, or during the event, please let a member of the staff or committee know.

We would also be grateful for donations (or loans) of any Halloween decorations you are able to provide to make the Hall look at *spooktaclar* as possible!

*time to be confirmed



DIARY DATES

EVENTS

Term 1

Saturday 21st October

Halloween Disco

TERM DATES

Term 1

Monday 4th

September

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th

September

Pre-school Open to pupils

Friday 20th October

Term Ends

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