



November 2016 NEWSLETTER

Recent News, Notices and Reminders from Barby Pre-School

Parent consultations will take place on **Monday 7th** and **Wednesday 9th November**. If you wish to speak to your child's key person regarding their progress, please sign up for a time slot (next to the signing in book).

We would like to welcome Anne Fisher as part of our preschool team to cover for Karina when she goes on Maternity leave. Anne will be working full time from the end of November. Karina plans to continue at preschool until then all being well. The preschool staff will ensure a smooth transition for all Karina's key children as Anne gets to know everyone.

We would like to hear about things your child has done at home. Please let us know by writing in their communication book and we will share their news with the group. If you wish to personalize the communication book with a photo of your child on the cover we would love to see them brightened up!

It's that time of year again with lots of celebrations; this half term pre-school are ready with the glitter! We will be starting to learn new songs ready for our Christmas play, which will be performed for families on **Thursday 15th December** in the afternoon.

Our Pre-school Christmas party will be held on **Tuesday 20th December** in the morning. All children will be welcome (There will be no afternoon session).

Last half term's Muddy Friday was a huge success with the children. This half term we will be having a Muddy Thursday morning instead of Friday. Please ensure you bring appropriate clothing and footwear for your child if they attend the Thursday morning session.

EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa- Saturday 3rd December

The Tempest photographer and Paint and Glaze will be at Breakfast with Santa. Tickets are £5.50 and are available from Debbie at preschool or Ally on 07789 120152

Christmas Meal – Tuesday 29th November @ 7.30pm

Combined Chatterbox and Pre-school meal at the Arnold Arms. Come along for an evening of good company and good food! The sign up sheet and menu will be out shortly. We Look forward to seeing there!

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

Please ensure you pick up your child on time at the end of their preschool session.

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!

Thank you to all those who attended our pre-school events last half term. The Pre-loved Sale and Halloween Party were both a great success, raising a combined total of **£719.46!** This money is being put towards a new fence, and staff training.

Thank you also to those who donated decorations for the Halloween Party!

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday 3rd December

To give the children an extra special experience at our Breakfast with Santa we are asking for donations of Christmas decorations, and also any novelty musical items we could borrow.

We are also always in need of helpers at pre-school events. If you think you may be able to help out in any way please let Debbie or Ally know. Many thanks in advance!

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, the leader of the Fundraising Team.

allywalter@hotmail.com or phone 07789 120152

COMMITTEE NEWS

Our next committee meeting is to be held on Thursday 3rd November.

Many thanks to Natasha for continuing as Treasurer until recently. We would like to welcome **Andy Manning** as our new Treasurer for which we are incredibly grateful.

We are still looking for a Secretary to join the Pre-school Committee.

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 a committee or staff member to find out more about how you you can support our fantastic pre-school!

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DIARY DATES



TERM 2

Monday 31st October

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 1st November

Pre-School open to children

Monday 7th and

Wednesday 9th November

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 29th November

Christmas Meal

Saturday 3rd December

Breakfast with Santa

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Play

Tuesday 20th December

Christmas Party

Preschool closes at 12pm

End of Term 2

TERM 3

Thursday 5th January

Pre-School open to children

Friday 10th February

End of term 3

Term 4

Monday 20th February

Pre-School opens to Children

Friday 31st March

End of term 4