

Newsletter January 2016

A very Happy New Year One and All! We hope you have all had a wonderful fun filled Christmas and celebrated the New Year in style!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to all of our new little ones and we are sure that they will all be settling in beautifully and enjoying their time at Pre-School soon. We are very excited to be getting back into Forest School this term getting the children used to dressing in their overalls and wellies for the fun activities we have planned. If you have not already done so please do fill in your Forest School letters with details of any allergies and relevant immunisations. If you have any queries please do let us know. Charlie



Little Helpers!

A BIG thank you to all of the kind helpers who got stuck in and helped to wash all our toys here at Pre-School over the Christmas Holidays. Also to everyone who helped out at our Christmas Party and made Teas and Coffees at our Christmas Carol Concerts. Your help is most appreciated and we are always looking out for Parent Helpers so if you do have any spare time, even an hour, your efforts would be gratefully received! Thank you also to Grace's Daddy for our new Welly Rack! Thank you!

Wanted! Old Wax Crayons



If you have any old wax crayons that you no longer need we would be very grateful if you were to donate them to Pre-School please. We have lots of fun activities planned for them!

Onesie Day – Supporting JDRF – Improving Lives Curing Type 1 Diabetes – January 15th 2016



Thank you to all who attended Pre-School on Friday 15th January and participated in Onesie Day to help raise funds for Children that have Type 1 Diabetes. It was so lovely to see all dressed up and meant a great deal to Alice and her Family along with all the Team here at Pre-School.

Name Labels

Please please please ensure all items of clothing/shoes/hats/gloves/toys that are brought into Pre-School are clearly labelled with your Child's Name. Lots of time is being spent making sure all Children have the correct items when leaving Pre-School and this process can be made a lot easier if you are able to label everything. Thank you for your participation in this matter!

Slapped Cheek, Impetigo, Hand Foot and Mouth Disease, Conjunctivitis

Please note we have been informed of Children suffering with the above infections since returning in January. If your Child is unwell and if you have any concerns please contact your Family Doctor. Please note if your Child has a contagious infection they are unable to attend Pre-School until they are clear of their infection.

We have also been informed of a case of Head Lice so please be vigilant for this also. Thank you.

Community Week – 18th – 22nd January

Our Community Week is where we ask as many members of the local community as possible to give the children an insight into the community around them. We have a Teacher, Midwife, Vicar, Dentist, Vet, Plumber and many more interesting visitors coming in over the next week.

If any of you are for example a Nurse or Policeman/Woman or a Hairdresser we would love you to come in and visit the children during this week. Just let one of us know when you are free and we will be so happy to see you!



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Healthy Eating Policy

Thank you to all Parents for taking on board our new Healthy Eating Policy! All Children who have their lunch here at Pre-School are provided with Milk or Water so Juices are no longer needed in lunch boxes. Thank you for also not sending your Child to Pre-School with any Nuts or Chocolate or Sweets and we have seen some lovely raisins and stickers being sent if for Children wishing to share their Birthday celebrations with their Friends here at Pre-School!

TERM DATES

SPRING 2016

Tuesday 5th January 2016 – Thursday 24th March 2016

Half Term w/c Monday 15th February 2016

SUMMER 2016

Tuesday 12th April 2016 – Friday 22nd July 2016

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016

Half Term w/c Monday 30th May 2016

AUTUMN 2016

Tuesday 6th Sept 2016 – Friday 16th December 2016

Half Term w/c Monday 24th October 2016

Monday 31st October - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

SPRING 2017

Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Tuesday 4th April 2017

Half Term w/c Monday 13th February 2017

SUMMER 2017

Wednesday 19th April 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

Half Term w/c Monday 29th May 2017

Show and Tell Themes

W/C 18/01/16 – Community Week

W/C 25/01/16 - Cookery Books

W/C 01/02/16 – Shapes

W/C 08/02/16 – Chinese New Year

W/C 15/02/16 – Half Term

W/C 22/02/16 – Stories / Pictures of Heroes

W/C 29/02/16 – Something Yellow

W/C 07/03/16 – Colours

W/C 14/03/16 – Something Green

W/C 21/03/16 – Something White

If you haven't already received a letter confirming your Child's Show and Tell Day you will shortly. This will note your Child's Key Person along with their Forest School Day. Please just let a member of the Team know if you would like to chat with your Child's Key Person to see how they are getting on at Pre-School. We are always here to help!

Please ensure all grapes being sent into Pre-School in Lunch Boxes are cut in half. Whole Grapes can be a potential choking hazard. Thank you!

OLD ICT TOYS

If anyone has any old and working ICT Toys that you no longer require please keep us in mind! Anything that doesn't require batteries (mains powered or re-chargeable) would be great. Also any toys with numbers on would be gratefully received.

Electrician Wanted

If anyone knows of an Electrician who could kindly fit some Electric Sockets Covers for us we would be grateful if you could please pass on their Contact Details.
Thank you!

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Children are not permitted to return to pre-school until **48 hours after their last episode**. This will minimise the risk of infection to the other children.

Walking to and from Pre-School

Please do take care on your walks to and from Pre-School, the pavements may be frosty/icy so watch your step and we look forward to welcoming all to Pre-School safely.

Photo's – 11th Feb – 8:30am – 11:00am

We have Tempest Photography visiting us on Thursday 11th February. All Children already in the Morning Session will have their photo taken unless we are otherwise informed. Any Parents wanting their Child to have their Photo taken who are not in Session are more than welcome to pop in during the above times. We are also able to offer to take photos to include any older Siblings who may have to start School before 9:00am so please feel free to arrive from 8:30am to have a photo taken.

POLICIES AND COMPLAINTS

Barton-le-Clay Pre School has a very comprehensive set of policies that govern how we run the Pre School. These are regularly checked and updated where necessary. Unfortunately we do not have the space to display the complete policy folder, a small selection of policies can be found on our Notice Board in the 'Our Space' foyer. You are very welcome to request to see the complete folder and read through the policies at any time, please request this from a member of staff. Equally should there be any element of Pre School that you are unhappy with we would urge you to speak to a member of staff or committee. All of the committee's contact details are on the notice board in the foyer. We also have a suggestion box in the foyer that you may like to use. We value all kinds of feedback. Thank you.



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