



Registered Charity Number (1023883)

# January Newsletter 2015

A very Happy New Year one and All! I 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 preschool soon. We are very excited to be starting our 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. If you have any queries please do let us know. Charlie

## Key Persons

A key person is your main contact should you have any concerns or queries regarding your child. At Barton Preschool we prefer to wait until we can see which member of staff in particular your child gravitates towards before we appoint their key person rather than just put a name to a name and with this in mind it may take a little while depending on what sessions your child does.

This does not mean of course that you are not able to talk to anyone else, simply that their key person will be responsible for maintaining their profile and helping you with any issues you may have.

You are free to view your child's profile at any time and if you have any questions at all please ask.

## Committee Meeting 29th January

Our next committee meeting is on the above date. Please feel free to let us know anything you would like us to discuss and of course if you have any fundraising ideas be sure to let us know! Thank you.

## Christmas Eve Raffle at The Bull

We would like to say a big thank you to The Bull in Barton for their Christmas Eve Party. They raffled one of our hampers and raised £530. We are still waiting on final totals and will let you know!



## Car Parking

Please do not park in the staff car park.

We understand that spaces are limited but we must ask that you do not park in the staff car park.

Thank you



## Community week W/C 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

This is our second Community Week 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 written to all the local services, i.e. ambulance, doctors, fire service, post office, vets etc to ask them if they could come in and show the children what they do and bring any props for the children to look at.

If any of you are for example a nurse, or policeman/woman/plumber 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 happy to see you!



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## Values

At pre-school we work very closely with Ramsey Manor Lower School. 'Values Education' has been successfully adopted by Ramsey and we believe to support our commitment to creating a calm and positive environment and important continuity for you and your child, our pre-school will also use Values Education to support your child's personal development.

### What is Values Education?

Values Education is a way of supporting children's first steps in becoming a member of the community. Using six basic values that are simple for young children to understand and are reflected in the pre-school ethos, Staff will use language, resources, books and displays that will reflect a different value each term.

**Our current Value is Love.**

### Term Dates 2015

Tuesday 6th January 2015 – Friday  
27th March 2015

Half Term w/c Monday 16th February 2015

### SUMMER 2015

Tuesday 14th April 2015 – Friday 17th July  
2015

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2015

Half Term w/c Monday 25th May 2015

### AUTUMN 2015

Monday 7th Sept 2015 – Friday  
18th December 2015

Half Term w/c Monday 26th October 2015

### 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

### E-Mail Letters

*Don't forget that we are now able to send all your letters by email, if you would like to do your bit for the environment and have your letters emailed to you please let us know.*

### Show & Tell Subjects – Weeks Commencing

- 06/01/15 – Pictures of us all when we were babies/weather stories
- 12/01/15 – Teddy Bear
- 19/01/15 – Story about someone in the Community
- 26/01/15 – Cookery Books
- 02/02/15 – Shapes
- 09/02/15 – Chinese New Year
- 23/02/15 – Sieves
- 02/03/15 – Something Yellow
- 09/03/15 – Colours
- 16/03/15 - Something Green
- 23/03/15 – Something White

### 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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