



Registered Charity Number (1023883)

## October Newsletter 2015

It has been an absolute pleasure meeting all of our new children and seeing them all settle in to the preschool routine. The weather has been very kind to us which is lovely and the children are making the most of it too! We've had a busy first couple of weeks including a surprise visit from the Food safety Agency! We are pleased to say we were rated 5, so top marks for us! Bart the Bear has had his first sleepover and had lots of fun, we will make sure all of you get to take him home to share the fun.

We are busy planning our Festive Fun Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> November and hope to see you all there! Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help on the committee. Don't forget it is our AGM on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm, we would love to see you!

### Photos 15<sup>th</sup> October

We have our photo lady coming in on the 15<sup>th</sup> October from 0900.

If your child is in session on that day they will automatically be photographed. If your child is not in you are welcome to bring them in.

She is always more than happy to let you bring siblings in if you would like your children photographed together so please just come along.

The photos will be available normally no more than three weeks after they are taken. We will put proofs in book bags and you can decide how many you would like if need be. Just let us know.

### Festive Fun Day – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.30 - 1pm

We are busy organising our next fun day and hope that you will be able to be there.

There will be lots of fun things to do as well as some lovely stalls with lots of gorgeous gift ideas all at reasonable prices.

We will soon be sending out flyers with more information and aim to give you all more than one so you can pass them on to your friends and family!

There will be another bumper raffle on the day and raffle tickets will shortly be going out in book bags for you to purchase in advance and again share with your family and friends.

If you are able to help with the event in any way we would love to hear from you so please do let us know! Thank you

### Donations of keys

Do you have any old keys that you no longer need or use?

We have some lovely Christmas craft ideas that we can make with old keys and would love to make use of them for you!

Please drop them in to preschool with a member of staff.

### Pre-School Library

Our Pre-School library is there for you to help yourself whenever you are interested.

There are no time limits on returning books, just help yourself and return when you are ready! Enjoy!

### Handyman/Woman?

Are any of you a bit handy with a power tool?!

We have a white board that needs putting up and also we are in need of a wellie rack for our forest school wellies. We would be very grateful for any help please!

Thank 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 Trust.**

### Barton Preschool Fundraising Facebook Page

Please like our Facebook fundraising page for regular updates.

### Dates for your diary

**We break up for half term  
on Friday 23rd October  
and return as normal on  
Monday 2nd November.**

### Parent Helpers

Would any of you be able to help with making of Play dough or washing of tea towels? It would be once a week and a real help to us! If anyone else would like to be added to the rota please do let us know.

### Funding Forms

Thank you for completing your funding forms so promptly. These have now all been passed on to the Council.

### 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

### Labelling

Please please can we ask that you label everything! It can be very distressing for the children when they don't have their coat/water bottle etc. If they are labelled we can make sure they go home with the right child. Thank you!

### 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.