

NEWSLETTER - TERM 2

UPCOMING DATES

Halloween Party - Monday 31st October

Church Service - TBC

Christmas Play - Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Raffle - Wednesday 7th December - 8pm

Christmas Dinner Day + Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Party - Tuesday 20th December

Last day of term - Tuesday 20th December - 12:45 finish

SEPARATE LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT CLOSER TO THE TIME OF THESE DATES WITH MORE INFORMATION

We would like to say a big welcome to Rosie, Perry, and Rowan who joined us last term, we all hope you enjoy your time with us.

We are looking forward to a very busy term celebrating and learning about: Diwali, Halloween, Guy Fawkes, Armistice Day, World Nursery Rhyme Week, The World Cup, St Andrew's Day, Christingle and of course, Christmas! As well as all of this, we will of course be performing our Christmas Play towards the end of term.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

After trialling the new drop off and pick up we have found it to be safer and a smoother transition for the children. We will continue to use the new drop off and pick up system - thank you for your cooperation.

COATS / WELLIES / INDOOR SHOES

As the weather is changing, it's getting cold and muddy. Please can we ask that all children have a pair of wellies and a coat at Pre-School - wellies can be left on their pegs. If at all possible, please could the children also have a pair of indoor shoes or slippers at Pre-School to change in to.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please can all children have a spare set of clothes in their bags. We are also running low on our spare clothes, so if anyone happens to come across some of our spare clothes at home or has any clothes that they would be happy to donate to us, that would be much appreciated.

SUMMARY REPORTS

We will be busy over the next couple of weeks putting together a small summary report for each child - these will be sent to you via Tapestry from Monday 21st November, so please keep an eye out.

OPEN MORNING

We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents on Monday 21st November, which will be incorporated with Toddler Group. Prospective parents and children will be able to come and have a look around. All staff members will be in on this day and the open morning will be held from 10:00-11:00.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

It's nearly time for our BIGGEST fundraising event of the year!!!!

There are already some fantastic prizes up for grabs - if you have anything you would like to donate to our raffle (bottles of alcohol/smelly sets/hampers/vouchers) that would be amazing.

As a charity run Pre-School we rely so heavily on the generosity of parents and the local community to keep running and providing affordable childcare for families - so for us this is a really important event.

Raffle tickets will be on sale soon.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

If your child's fourth birthday is between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, the time has come for you to apply for their school place 😊

If you need any help at all with the application, please do not hesitate to ask and we will support you as best as we can.

KEY DATE	EVENT
1 st November 2022	Applications open
15 th January 2023	Closing date for applications
30 th January 2023	Last date for confirmation of change of address
17 th April 2023	Offer letters sent by second-class post where needed and emails sent to those who applied online
September 2023	Start of the school year

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We really need at least 3 Pre-School parents/carers to join our committee to continue to run. You would be required to attend six 1.5-hour meetings that are spread out over the school year (one a term) and to help at some fundraising event.

Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience and a great way to get to know staff, parents and become part of the community. If you think this is something you could do, we would love to hear from you.

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living crisis is putting stresses on many. If you are in difficulty in any way, we may be able to help with signposting to different outlets of support, like the local food bank. Please do not hesitate to ask.

CORONAVIRUS

Unfortunately, Coronavirus is still around. Please continue to be aware of the possible symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) - a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.