



PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER

Halloween over now.... on to Christmas!!

Term dates- We will finish this term on **Tuesday 19th December at 12. Noon**. There will be no after school club that day. Invoices will be credited if you normally have a booked after school club that day. We will be back open for business as usual on Monday 8th January, all clubs will resume.

Nearly New sale- This Saturday 2.30-4.30 at St Peter's and St Paul's Church hall Jo and Eloise are taking over the Nearly New Sale from Rachel and Emily. There are a few things that will be new this time:- a stay and play type session (with play dough and colouring) so that parents can browse without worrying about what their children are up to! • Glitter tattoos • Popcorn Machine.

There will still be the same tea, coffee and cakes! At this time of year traditionally there will lots of toys to buy for Christmas pressies so why not pop along and support us. There will also be children's clothes up to the age of 11 years, so don't rule out a bargain if your children are a little older.

Preschool

Parents evening-Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents information evening on October 18th. It was the first time we had held an event such as this and it was a great success. I received some wonderful feedback from parents , who were enthused and impressed by the the staff knowledge and commitment to providing exciting and varied experiences for your children, to develop their learning and skills, during their time with us at Preschool.

Staff also really enjoyed it and saw it as a great opportunity to share their knowledge and understanding of how children can and do learn, through play.

Preschooler Christmas save the dates for your diary-

Monday 18th December- Christmas entertainment/ Party 2-3pm.

Tuesday 19th December Santa is coming!!

Please note more information to follow on these events once logistics are confirmed!

Reminders-

Preschooler's belongings- Please can you check your child's belongings to ensure there are enough things for changes (including shoes) during the day. Please make sure they have warm coats, hats, gloves etc. and suitable footwear, for the time of year.

Please make sure everything is labelled including lunch boxes!! We do have a box full of unclaimed items that will be recycled at the end of term, if not claimed.

Nut-free-Please note we are a nut-free setting, as is the school. If you are providing packed lunches please make sure you cut up grapes and cherry tomatoes.

Nappies-Please provide nappies/ wipes and cream if you child is at this stage and discuss toilet training with your key person, when required. It is important we are consistent to help children with this important aspect of their development,

Collection- If you need to speak to your key person at collection, could you please come into the preschool, rather than at the door. With the numbers of families we have it is difficult for staff to manage this hand over of children when there are conversations taking place in the doorway.

Afterschool Club-

If your child attends a club after school, or is going to miss a session or be attending another club, please let us know. It saves staff time, by not having to look for a child, or ring you at home/ work to see where they are. This can delay activities starting as it affects staff ratios to cover all areas.

Staffing- We are still looking for someone to help out at afterschool club. It would be beneficial if they have some experience / training and need to be at least 17 years of age and we will require a DBS check, and 2 references for any successful applicants. It is a role that would suit a student, so if you know anyone who

would like to work with children and a great team, please speak to Ruth, email nhps.manager1@gmail.com or phone 01865794287.

Breakfast club

If you are have a child that is just attending preschool sessions starting at 9.00am. Please note we cannot let them come into until the sessions start time at 9.00 due to ratios. Some parents with preschoolers pay for breakfast club, therefore they may appear to be dropping off early however in reality they are arriving late for breakfast club, not early for preschool!

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further please feel free to contact me.

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