



January 2016 Newsletter

Dear Parents, carers and children.

Happy New Year everyone, we hope you all had a really lovely Christmas. Here we are at the start of the Spring term, we extend a warm welcome to the children and families who are joining us. We are sure that the children will settle quickly and enjoy their time with us. There are very few spaces available now, so if you did want to add another session please speak to Debbie asap to avoid disappointment, as once the funding claim forms have been sent off for this term it is difficult to amend them.

As well as welcoming some new families we are also pleased to welcome a new addition to the staff team—Melissa Cooper who will be working with us on Thursdays and Fridays. We hope she will enjoy her new role. Melissa is taking over from Rose who we were sorry to lose, but know that she is looking forward to spending more time with her new grandson.

Our theme for this term will be based on 'Feelings'. We will be incorporating lots of finger rhymes, songs and stories and will be sending out a rhyme sheet shortly so that you can join in with some of these at home. Here is a brief summary of the planned activities, although these are subject to change and as usual a detailed weekly planning sheet will be located in the porch if you wish to have a look.

Week 1—Settling in and starting our handprint alphabet display.

Week 2—Number rhymes and stories including Owl babies and Rainbow Fish.

Making a rainbow fish and talking about sharing.

Week 3—Stories which include number and size—Goldilocks and the 3 bears and The 3 Billie goats gruff.

Week 4—Making a calm down bottle and creating a photo studio for the children to take photos of each other.

Week 5—More numbered rhymes—Five little monkeys and Five little men in their flying saucer.

Week 6—Finishing off with activities linked to stories such as Cinderella; The Little Red Hen and The Ugly Duckling.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraising events,

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Fundraising News

Easy Fund-raising

Easy Fundraising continues to provide the Pre-school with commission, It would be really great if everyone registered for this. It is very simple and completely free. If you buy products online, register for free with Easy Fundraising at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willastonpresch> and help raise commission for the Pre-school. Most large retailers are part of this scheme e.g Amazon, M&S.

Rag Bag Collections

Bags of unwanted clothes can be brought in at any time to the Pre-school and left in the porch.

Name labels—Label planet

Click on the links from our website (Contact us page) to order stick on labels. Our code is 35315 and raise commission for Pre-school.

Notices

- Unfortunately this is the season of coughs and colds and sickness bugs. Please help us to restrict the spread of infection by keeping your child at home if they are unwell. In the case of sickness and diarrhoea our policy states that children should not return until 48 hours after their last symptoms.
- Lunch club—Please can you help us to avoid choking hazards by chopping up grapes and cherry tomatoes into quarters when including these items in lunch boxes
- **Ice-Pack** Please can we request that you include an ice pack in your child's lunch box, to help keep the contents cool until lunch time.

Thanks for your support
Ann and all the Pre-school staff

Dates for your Diary

- Committee meeting Wednesday 13.1.16 at 8pm in the Lamb in Willaston unless otherwise stated. New members are always welcome.
- This half term will close at 3pm on Friday 12th February and we will re-open on **Tuesday 23rd February**.

Admission Enquiries

07944 208909

If you would like additional sessions please let Debbie know as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Children are entitled to 15 hours of free education commencing the term following their 3rd birthday. Funding is available for some 2 year olds (terms apply)



Please keep us informed

We like to know what has happened to children if they are not at their regular Pre-school session for any reason. Please give us a call on 01270 567431 if your child isn't able to come along.

As a matter of security, we also need to know, in advance, who will be collecting your child at the end of a session if it is not the normal carer. This person will need to sign to say that they have collected the child and know the password.

Please also ensure you always tell a member of staff if your child has any existing injuries when they come to a Pre-school session so that we can keep a special eye on them.

If your contact details may have changed since your child started at Pre-school please inform one of the staff, so that we can update our records.

New Parent/Carer File

We have put together a file of useful information, ranging from issues relating to coping with temper tantrums, encouraging language development to food and nutritional advice, which will be displayed on the notice board. Please feel free to take out sections to read at home and then return for others to use.

Labels

Please help us to avoid mix-ups by labelling children's coats, bags etc,

Your Pre-school needs You

We pride ourselves on being an excellent Pre-school, where children enjoy playing and learning. However to maintain this standard we need your support and help.

If you can help us to maintain our garden; or have a particular hobby or interest which could be shared with the children; or would be happy to be put on our emergency staff rota, please mention it to a member of staff (DBS checks would be required for frequent visitors)

Thank you.

Ann and all the Pre-school staff

Library Box

We now have a lending library box for our Pre-schoolers. Parents/Carers are welcome to have a look through the box and select any book(s) to take home to share with their child. We just need you to sign the book out and back in again on return. Books can be kept for a maximum of 2 weeks. To ensure that we keep a good supply of books for you to share, parents/carers will be responsible for the replacement of any lost or damaged books.

Dancing with Alison

This takes place on alternate Thursday mornings.

Supporting Charities

We have supported the following charities in the last year:-

Children in Need

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Uniform

We have a small selection of uniform currently available:- Sweatshirts £8.50, T-shirts £5.99 and Polo shirts at £7.99. If you would like to make an order, please mention it to a member of staff.