



November 2016 Newsletter

Dear Parents, carers and children.

Welcome back to the start of a new half term.

Our theme for the next few weeks will be based on seasonal events beginning with Bonfire night, Autumn related activities and ending of course with Christmas. We will be incorporating shapes into our displays and activities and will also be learning some Christmas songs.

Next week (beginning Monday 14.11.16) we will be raising money for Children in Need. Throughout the week the children will be icing biscuits to sell and are invited to come to Pre-school wearing something with spots to raise donations for this worthy cause, so we hope we can count on your support.

As usual, we hope to be taking some of the children to see the dress rehearsal of Willaston Primary Academy's Nativity play, we will confirm the details nearer the time.

To help keep our records up to date and to avoid confusion if we need to contact you if your child is unwell or in an emergency, please can you let us know if any of your contact details have changed e.g address, telephone numbers and also those of any emergency contacts you have provided on your registration form.

If you would like some advice on your child's development, there is an excellent Parents guide from 4children called 'What to expect when', which can be downloaded from the 'How we learn' page on our website. It has lots of useful tips on how you can support your child at different ages and stages of their development.

Many thanks for your support.

Notices

- The building work is still ongoing next door and is likely to last until at least the new year. We will continue to use the rear door at arrival and departure times. To help us with our organisation and to ensure a member of staff is not taken away from the children for long periods of time at the start of the session, the side gate will be open at the following times;- 8.30-8.40am and then again at 9.00-9.05 am, for children who cannot arrive until later. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.
- Please can you let us have a copy of your child's birth certificate for our records if you haven't already done so. Copies can be made at Pre-school if necessary.
- Unfortunately this is often the season for coughs colds and sickness bugs. Please can we ask that you keep your child away from Pre-school if they have a high temperature and request that they do not return until 48 hours from the last symptoms of any bouts of sickness and diarrhoea. This helps to protect the other children and staff from cross infection. We have now been issued with guidance from Public Health England regarding recommended exclusion periods for certain ailments, please ring us for advice if you are unsure.

Dates for your Diary

- Our next Committee will be 8pm on **Thursday 17.11.16** at The Lamb. New members are always welcome. Please come along
- Our Christmas Party with music and dancing from Boogie Beat will be on **Wednesday 21.12.16 9.30am—11.30am**. All the Pre-school children are welcome to attend. A letter will be sent out shortly with more information.
- The Pre-school will close at 3pm on **Wednesday 21.12.16** and will re-open on **Wednesday 4.1.17** at 8.30 am (N.B Inset day on Tuesday 3.1.17)

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Fundraising News

Easy Fund-raising

Easy Fundraising continues to provide the Pre-school with donations, It would be really great if everyone registered for this.

If you buy products online, register for free with Easy Fundraising at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willastonpresch>

and help raise donations for the Pre-school. Most large retailers are part of this scheme e.g Amazon, M&S.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Thank you for supporting this. We were able to order a Walkie Talkie, a sensory ball, and shaped bean bags.

Rag Bag Collections

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

Name labels—Stik-ins

Click on the links from our website to order labels. Our code is 35315 and raise a fantastic 30% commission for Pre-school.

Admission Enquiries

07944 208909

We only have a few sessions available now, so please contact Debbie asap if you would like to increase your child's sessions. From January, availability for ad hoc sessions will be limited, so please check with Ann or Jackie.



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.

Parent/Carer File

We have put together a file of useful information, ranging from dealing with temper tantrums, encouraging language development to food and nutritional advice, which is on display inside the Pre-school. Please ask a member of staff to locate it for you. Also see the helpful guides on the 'How we learn' section of our website.

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.

Supporting Charities

This year we will be supporting the following charities :-

Children in Need
Comic Relief

Uniform

We have a selection of uniform currently available:- Sweatshirts £8.50, T-shirts £6.50 and Polo shirts at £7.99. If you would like to make an order, please mention it to a member of staff.