

July 2017 Newsletter – Number 1

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I can't believe the summer holidays are nearly upon us. The rehearsals for the end of year performance have been great, with each child joining in with the songs and actions.

Staff News

On Thursday 25th May I was assessed for the Early Years Teacher Status and on Friday 14th July I learned that I passed. I would like to thank the committee and my staff for the support they have given me whilst I gained this qualification.

Photographer

I do hope you liked the photos that Jim Pascoe took and that you find the process of ordering the photographs easy please let me know if you have problems. As Jim stated there is no cut-off date.

Running Rings

The children ran their socks off with many completing 10 laps and beyond. Each child who took part received a certificate and medal. Please can all sponsor money be returned as soon as possible.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for the return of the parent questionnaires, we had some lovely comments and some suggestions on what would make the Pre-school even better. Over the summer I will put the results on the website with some ideas on how we will meet the suggestions that were made.

No Lunch Club – Monday 11th September

Monday 11th September there will be no lunch club due to staff training. **Pre-school will finish at 11.50 am.**

Message from the Committee

We can't believe we are already at the end of another school year, what a brilliant one it has been. Firstly, we would like to thank all of you for your support throughout the year. Over £2,200 has been raised through various fundraising activities including the Barn Dance, School Disco, Duck Race and more recently running rings, which was wonderful to watch and the children loved. The money raised has enabled the Preschool to buy some brilliant new equipment, resources and experiences for the children, including new ipads, a beautiful new dolls house,



Magformers, Numicon as well as other maths resources and Talking for writing training for the staff.

We will be saying goodbye to some members of the committee this year as children move up to the first school and are looking for new members to join, this could be parents, grandparents or friends of the Preschool. The committee is a vital part of the Preschool, we meet once or twice a term in the evening and discuss items such as financial matters, safeguarding and fundraising. We would love to see some new faces, if you would like to come along to our next meeting it will be held on **Tuesday 19th September at 7.30 Cecil Memorial Hall**. Please see Karen or Sharlene (Toby's mum) or Lucy (Isabelle's mum) for more information.

It is a brilliant way to meet other parents and get involved. Some great fundraising ideas have been suggested from the parent questionnaires and it would be fantastic if you could help put these into action. Ideas and plans have already started to build for a children's disco, a quiz night and a toy sale for this upcoming year, very exciting.

The committee are also looking for someone to take on the Treasury Role, this would include banking, cash flow, invoices etc, experience in finance and spreadsheets would be preferred and a full hand over would be given. Again, please speak to Karen if you or someone you know would be interested.

Finally, a big thank you to all the amazing staff for their continued hard work throughout the year and a huge congratulations to Karen, who has been working extremely hard this year and has achieved her Early Years Teacher Status Qualification, which is a massive achievement and great news for the Preschool. Well done Karen.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing you in September!

Message from the Staff

The staff and I would like to wish all the children who are moving onto their first schools in September the very best for their next stage of their education. We also look forward to hearing about the adventures that the children have when they return in September. Attached to this newsletter are the new term dates 2017/18. Have a fun and safe summer, we return on Thursday 7th September.

Kind Regards
Karen

Dates for your diary

End of Year Party & Performance – Friday 21st July, finishing at 12.50 pm.

Autumn term begins – Thursday 7th September

No Lunch Club – Monday 11th September



