

## **November Newsletter 2017 – Number 2**

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I can feel the excitement starting as we start the countdown to Christmas. Next week we shall be reading 'The Nativity' and start talking about the part the children will play. Please look out for your child's part in their red communication book. We have costumes for all the children, however if you wish to dress your child in one from home that would be fine too.

### **Activities**

Next week we will start to make our Christmas decorations, the children will put these into an envelope which they will bring home on the last day of term. We will make Christmas cards, Angels, Calendars, Stained-Glass windows and Christmas tree decorations. Before we make these, we will visit Cranborne Church to look at the Stained-Glass windows inside the Church. We will also be very busy writing our letters to Father Christmas and visiting Cranborne Post Office to buy our stamps and wait for a visit from the Postman to collect our letters.

Hopefully soon you will be hearing your child singing our Nativity songs; we will be practising these every day.

As the Postman will be visiting us, we would like to develop the children's interest in 'the jobs people do'. Would you like to come into Pre-school and talk to the children about your job? Please let us know via your child's red communication book.

### **Children in Need**

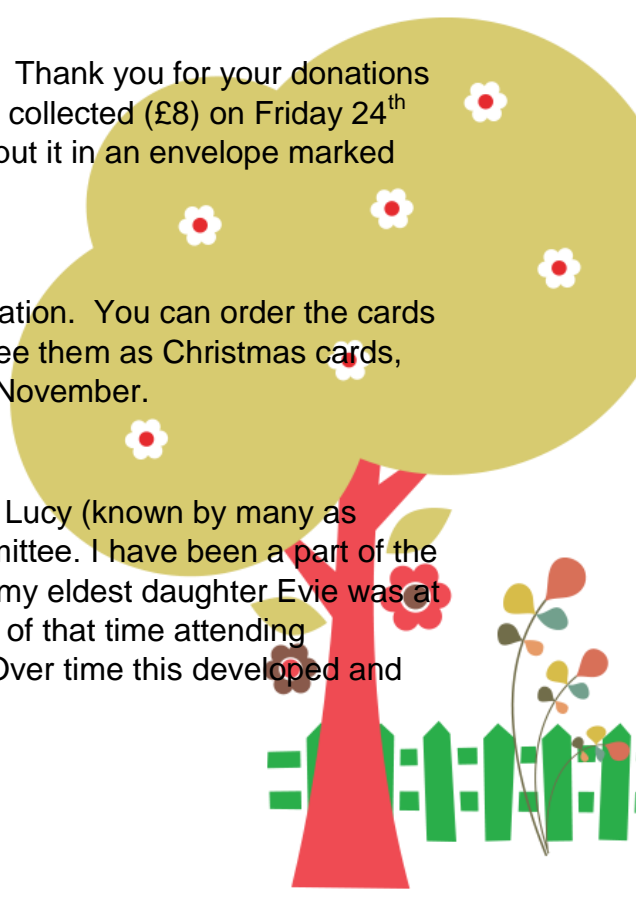
The children enjoyed completing our obstacle course. Thank you for your donations towards this great cause. I will be banking the money collected (£8) on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, so if you would still like to donate, please put it in an envelope marked 'Children in Need' and I will ensure this is banked too.

### **Christmas Cards**

Your child has brought home their Christmas card creation. You can order the cards online. Please do have a look online where you can see them as Christmas cards, they look so good. All orders must be placed by 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Message from the committee**

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Lucy (known by many as Issy's mum) and as of the AGM, the chair of the committee. I have been a part of the committee for over 4 years now, joining initially when my eldest daughter Evie was at the pre-school. I was a parent representative for most of that time attending meetings and being a part of the fundraising events. Over time this developed and



as people came and went my role changed first to secretary and now chair. Two things that haven't changed however are the committee's continual need for new members, and the huge fundraising challenges! Your opinions, ideas, enthusiasm and effort are crucial to the continued success of this wonderful pre-school. Karen and her team do a fantastic job providing a safe, fun, stimulating and educational environment for our children but for her to do this, additional funds are required. Last year the committee raised a staggering £4130 through an array of events, challenges, sales, fund matching (kindly arranged by a parent whose child attends pre-school and adding over £1400 to the pot!) and donations and this year we aim to beat that! Our next fundraiser is a stall at the pamper evening here on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November where we will be selling reindeer hot chocolate, magic reindeer dust, biscuits, and for the slightly naughty ones; reindeer and snowman poop! And don't forget the social pub quiz on the 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Sheaf of Arrows. Tickets are selling fast, but it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. Plus, it's a night off from bedtime!

If any of you would like to know more about the fundraisers, the quiz or the committee (either as a parent rep, the secretary role or fundraising support) please don't hesitate to give me a shout. You can grab me at drop off/pick-ups or via the email [cranbornepreschoolchair@gmail.com](mailto:cranbornepreschoolchair@gmail.com) I look forward to hearing from you!

Lucy

### **Severe Weather Procedure**

In case of bad weather closing the Pre-school, please check on our website ([www.cranbornepreschool.com](http://www.cranbornepreschool.com)) under latest news section on the home page from 6.30 am onwards. Generally, if Cranborne First School closes we will close too.

Kind Regards  
Karen

### **Dates for your diary**

**Music with Jan** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November & 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Walk to Cranborne Post Office** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Walk to Cranborne Church** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Visit from Postman** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Nativity Performance** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11.30 am

**Return to Pre-school** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

