

December Newsletter



Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. The Christmas songs are being sung and the children are enjoying the Christmas crafts!

In October we had a fantastic Meg and Mog themed visit from Zoolab as part of an activity session. The children were very excited and had the opportunity of handling some of the creatures. We had a snake, giant snail, tarantula, cockroach, a tree frog and a gerbil. We are very much looking forward to their next visit in Spring.

We would like to give a special warm welcome to a few new members of staff, Mia Barker, Georgina Gardner and Hateeqa Amjad who have joined our team. We also have new members who have joined our committee, Catherine Steward as Treasurer and Kat Gardner as Secretary. We would like to thank Jane McGiff for stepping into the role as Chair, Connie McGill as fundraiser, David Hollihead and Emma Quinlan, who remain on the committee and a big thank you to our previous committee members for all of their hard work, help and support.



Dates for your Diary:

8th Dec - Our Christmas Fayre 12.30-2.30PM

13th Dec - Christmas Concert at 2PM

10th-14th Dec - Christmas Jumper Week

19th Dec - Christmas Party (All children invited, no afternoon session) - Preschool Closes at 11.45

4th Jan - Preschool Opens

18th Jan - Tapestry Assessments available

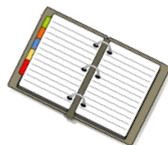
4th Feb-8th Feb - International Week - info below

15th Feb - Preschool closes for Half Term

25th Feb - Preschool opens

7th Mar - World Book Day

11th-15th Mar - Red Nose Day



Christmas Fayre



Our Christmas Fayre is Saturday 8th December 2018 at 12.30-2.30pm. Please come along for an enjoyable afternoon with the family and support our preschool! There will be refreshments, Stalls, Games and a Raffle. Please bring small change.

We would be very grateful for any donations of bottles or chocolates for the raffle/tombola. Please pass any donations to staff or committee members. Thank you!

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will be taking place on Thursday 13th December at 2pm. The children have been learning the words and actions to the Christmas songs. Please see the email sent in November regarding the details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Party

We will be holding a Christmas Party for all the children on Wednesday 19th December at 9am until 11.45. There will be no normal session on this day.

We will be having a special guest visiting the children along with a magician.

We are asking parents to donate food for the party. A list will be with a member of staff at the beginning of each session. Please sign your name next to the item you can bring to the party.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We are looking forward to International Week in the Spring Term. It is an activity we do to enable the children to explore the different cultures, food, language, music and celebrations of different countries. The chosen country for our first International Week of the term is Iran. We welcome any parents/family members who can contribute to our topic.

We will be having another international week at the end of April and invite any suggestions for countries to explore.

Please speak to Aneeka or Charlie for any more information.

Reminders:

30 Hour Codes

A lot of 30 hour codes are due to enter into their grace periods, please remember to reconfirm your eligibility. If 30 hours codes are not reconfirmed we will invoice for the extra hours your child has attended.

Fees

Please ensure that these are paid by the date specified on the invoice and paid into our account 01557858. Our preferred way of payment is BACS.

Collection/Going Home form

If you have not already done so, please bring in pictures (can be passport size) of the people listed on your 'Collection/Going Home' form so we can place these on file.

Facebook

Please remember to 'Like' us on Facebook for regular updates and importance notices i.e. closures.



VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

We have started putting a donation box out at the start of morning and afternoon sessions. We would appreciate any items from washing up liquid, A4/A3 paper, batteries, kitchen towel, toilet roll, antibacterial spray, pens, bulbs and plants for our garden, fruit, soil, sand, gravel. Unfortunately the Government have frozen our hourly funding rates until 2020, even though the costs of wages, pensions, rent, training and much more are due to rise. Therefore, we are carrying a shortfall i.e. the difference between what the Government pay and our cost to deliver a session, we therefore appreciate any help in voluntary donations either being an amount paid into our account or consumables. Thank you for your understanding.

Special Thank you to all our parents and carers

Thank you for your kind donations during our fundraising weeks over the Autumn half term.

Crackerjacks Child Trust

We all enjoyed coming to preschool in our PJS! We managed to raise £55 for Crackerjacks Children's Trust.



Children in Need

The children had lots of fun during Children in Need week dressing up in spotty or yellow clothes and exploring the garden for the hidden Hey Duggee characters. The staff entered the duck race and Sandy won with the duck 'James Pond'. We managed to raise £39 for Children in Need.



Small ways you can help us raise funds for preschool:

Vale Lottery

New Millside Pre-school have joined the Aylesbury Vale Lottery. Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week and for every £1 ticket sold 60p will go towards the Pre-school. www.valelottery.co.uk/support/new-millside-pre-school



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