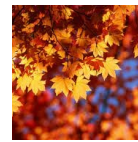




Newsletter Autumn 2022



Hello to our new families and welcome back to our existing ones. Our new children have settled in beautifully and are really getting into the routine of coming to pre school.

The last couple of weeks we have been establishing rules and routines and giving children time to get to know their key worker. Our theme is All about Me which gives the children lots of opportunities to talk about themselves and their families. As the term progresses we will be finding out about Autumn and Harvest.

Harvest festival: Joel, our chair of the committee is coming to talk to the children about Harvest and represent St Thomas's church. Parent donations for the food bank welcome. Pumpkin rolling and vegetable modelling competition all week, beginning 16th October. £2 to enter. This is great fun! Prizes to be won.

Dancing with Miss Ellie and Elevation dance starts on 19th September.



Committee

WANTED!!! New committee members. If you would like to join the committee or would just like to see what it's all about come to our AGM on Wednesday 4th October, 7:30pm at the village hall. We would love to see you there!



Important dates

Wednesday 4th October: AGM
7:30pm at pre school. All welcome.

Week beginning 16th October:

Autumn vegetable/fruit modelling & Pumpkin rolling competition.

Harvest festival 17th October- 2:30 pm, all invited.

30th October to 6th November- half term holiday.

Things to remember

Labelled clothing, bags and snacks.



Please provide hats and gloves as the weather is getting colder.

Spare clothes, especially for forest school.

If your child needs medicine please fill out a form available from staff. Please do not put medicine in children's bags. It needs to be stored safely out of children's reach.

Breakfast club is available from 8am daily. £7 if dropped off at 8am, £3.50 if dropped at 8:30. After school care is available on Thursdays until 5pm, £13. To book please email preschool:

barlowpreschool@gmail.com



Applying for a school place.

If your child was born between 1.9.2019 & 31.8.20 they are eligible to start school in September 2024. Apply before 15th January 2024. More information at:- derbyshire.gov.uk

Look out for local primary school open days coming up soon! Dates to be shared when available.

KIXX FOOTBALL

Football sessions take place on Tuesday mornings with the wonderful coaches Jamie & Jake!

Sessions cost £3.50 each, payable by either one lump sum for the term or weekly if preferred. A bill will be sent at the beginning of each term. If you prefer to pay cash then please could you put the right amount in an envelope and write the child's name on the front along with the date paid.



Sadly we are saying goodbye to Carly this term. She is moving to a new job as a teaching assistant at Eckington Comprehensive school. Carly has worked at pre-school for 8 years and will be truly missed. We wish her luck in her new adventure.

ALLERGIES AT PRE SCHOOL

We have some children with allergies so please do not send any food into pre-school containing nuts.

(Please could you also ensure that no child enters the village hall in the morning with food or drink)

Thank you for your co-operation.

IN CASE OF ABSENCES

Please ensure that in the case of absence or sickness that you contact the Pre-school as soon as possible. On returning back to Pre-school please make sure you see a member of staff to sign the Absence File.

A CHANGE TO THE FEES

Due to the Minimum Wage increase and the general cost of living rise, it has become necessary to increase our Pre school fees. This will take effect after as of 5th April 2022.

Half day session was £16, increasing to £20 (9-12am or 12-3pm)

Full day session was £32, increasing to £40

Breakfast club was £2.50, increasing to £3

Lunchtime was £4.00, increasing to £6

(We remain very competitive with other nurseries and child-care providers in the area)

Forest school

Just a few reminders for the new term!

****Forest School Bags** - Please make sure that all hats, gloves etc are clearly labelled with your child's name.

****When collecting your child from Forest School** please ensure that you drive the correct way. You **MUST** go down Smeltinghouse Lane and back up Keepers Lane (slowly). There is a map on Facebook and in your welcome pack.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH CLUBS

Don't forget you can drop your child off for Breakfast Club at 8.30am if you need to. Although there is no need to book, prior notice is preferred wherever possible, to ensure staff/child ratios are maintained.

Also please don't forget if you are struggling to pick up at 12 the children can stop for their lunch on any day, at a cost of £6. Just bring a healthy packed lunch and inform staff in the morning. There is no need to pre book, but prior notice is preferable, again to ensure staff/child ratios are maintained.