


November 2018

Christmas foodbank appeal

 Last year we collected for the local foodbank appeal and you all did an amazing job of providing Christmas food and children's presents for local families who are struggling. We also noticed how it fostered the pre-school's children's awareness of others less fortunate than themselves. For these reasons we would like to do this appeal again this year. However, we realise that Christmas is an expensive time of year for all of us, and we will also be asking for donations of things for our Christmas raffle, so if you can donate just a jar/packet of something then that would be great. A letter will be going out later in the term with details of the things the foodbank is requiring.

The term is flying by and we are already thinking about preparations for Christmas!



Preschool Family
Christmas Evening –
**Wednesday 19th
December 6 - 7pm**

Come along and join us for Christmas songs sung by the children in St Mary's Church and then back to the preschool for refreshments, raffle, activities for the children and some Christmas stalls. All families and children are invited, plus grandparents and any other family who would like to attend. Christmas jumpers optional! Further info to go out closer to the time.

Committee news



We had a fantastic number of parents who came along to the Annual General Meeting earlier in the month. Many of them have begun the process of joining the committee by applying for a dbs certificate, and then registering with Ofsted. We would like to say a huge thank you to them as their support and involvement in the pre-school will ensure we can remain open. Their first meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm, where they will be discussing arrangements for the Family Christmas Evening.



Please remember to put a **reusable bag** in your child's bag for us to put wet clothes in. The children have been very keen to engage in water play so we are tending to have a lot of wet changes of clothes at the moment!



The weather is becoming cooler so please ensure your child **always brings a coat** to preschool, plus a named hat in their bag. Extra socks are also useful in case their feet get wet from water play etc. Putting your child in jogging bottoms or leggings is also a good idea as we are finding lots of children are having problems pulling their trouser down in time to get to the bathroom.

Parent Questionnaires: This week we will be handing out our Autumn term questionnaires. These questionnaires help us reflect upon the provision we are providing for your child and

you and are always extremely useful and enlightening. Please hand your completed ones to either Rebekah or your child's key person. We thank you for taking the time to complete them.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 19th December 2018 - Family Christmas Evening 6 - 7 pm

Thursday 20th December - Last day of autumn term before the Christmas holidays begin.

Monday 7th January 2019 - Spring term begins. Pre-school opens.

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February 2019 - Half term. Preschool closed to children.

Friday 22nd March 2019 - Training day. Preschool closed.

Friday 5th April 2019 - Last day of spring term before the Easter holidays begin.

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Summer term begins. Preschool opens.

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2019 - Half term. Preschool closed.

Wednesday 24th July 2019 - last day of summer term before the Summer holidays begin.

Thurs 25th July 2019 - Training day. Preschool closed to children.