

## Purley Pre-School Autumn term two newsletter



Purley Pre-school, Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6YG

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Welcome back to Autumn term two where many new adventures await as we prepare for Christmas together!

### Pre-School committee

At the end of October the members of our Pre-School committee changed. The committee is made up of staff, parents and old friends of Pre-School. We have had one meeting together and have come up with some new ideas for fundraising. Pre-School is a charity and relies heavily on fundraising to support the needs of our children and our ever-changing learning environment. As you know, changing the location of Pre-School has been an exciting new venture. However, now that we have been there for a term we are keen to get it looking as good as possible! There are many new pieces of furniture required which will be the focus for our fundraising.

If you would like to be on the committee, let us know; we are always keen to have new members. If you do not want to be on the committee but have skills you would like to share with Pre-School, please let a member of staff know.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those of you that contributed to the children's Halloween dress up week. We managed to raise £19!

### Staff changes

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to Pre-School. Lucy Jordan joined us at the beginning of September. Lucy has strong links with Long Lane School as she also works there as the After School Club play leader and as a lunch time controller.

Antoninette Marshall has also joined our team. Antoninette brings a wealth of experience to Pre-School, having gained her teaching qualification in Holland and worked in the Early Years, here in the UK.

### Water bottles

Please ensure your child comes to Pre-School with a named water bottle and puts it into the water bottle box beside the door. It is important that they drink water throughout their session with us.



### Colder weather

As the weather gets colder our enthusiasm for playing outside does not change! Please send your child to Pre-School with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves so that they are able to continue enjoying to playing in the garden. Please remember to label every item that comes into Pre-School!

### Labelling

To make sure your child comes home with everything they brought to Pre-School, please label EVERYTHING! The website mynametag.com sells sticker labels which are dishwasher and washing machine proof. If you enter the code 47583 upon checkout, Pre-School receives a 20% commission ☺

## Your help

There are many jobs needed doing both inside and outside our new classrooms. If you have an hour to spare and are happy to help, please let Mrs Turner know. We are especially looking for strong people to help put up a fence alongside the path.

## Christmas

'It's that time of year again'...almost! We have many magical things planned for you, and your children to enjoy together.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10am - you are invited to the children's Christmas play. Afterwards, we will be holding a Christmas fayre with games, tea, coffee, mince pies, fill a jar, raffle prizes and decorate a gingerbread to name a few! In order to make this as successful as possible we would very much welcome:

- Jars filled with treats/toys/stickers
- Raffle prizes
- Gingerbread biscuits



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - children's Christmas party. Nearer the time there will be a 'sign-up sheet' for food. Please keep an eye out for this and sign up to bring some exciting party food for the children to enjoy ☺

## Bits and Bobs

If you have not yet picked a 'just giving fish' from our display in the foyer, please speak to a member of staff

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook @ Purley Pre-School for regular updates.



Many thanks, ☺

## Dates for Autumn term two

<b><u>Week one 30.10.17</u></b> <b><u>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Children return for autumn term two
<b><u>Week two 06.10.17</u></b>
<b><u>Week three 13.11.17</u></b> <b><u>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</u></b> <b>Photographer visit</b> - Tina Cleary (from Clear Moments Photography) will be with us on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> . If this is not your usual session day you are welcome to bring in your child for their photo. Just speak to a member of staff. If you would like older/younger siblings photographed please let us know in advance.
<b><u>Week four 20.11.17</u></b> <b>Sponsored walk week!</b> Every morning this week, apart from Wednesday morning, the children will be walking to raise money for new, much needed, storage units. The children will walk with us, around the school field. Please complete your sponsorship form and return to preschool ☺ <b><u>Wednesday 22.11.17</u></b> A visit from 'Feathers and Fur' - who will be bringing in an owl for the children to see! We will be asking for a voluntary £5 contribution to this - more details nearer the time
<b><u>Week five 27.11.17</u></b>
<b><u>Week six 04.12.17</u></b>
<b><u>Week seven 11.12.17</u></b> <b><u>Friday 15.12.18</u></b> Preschool Christmas play at 10am and Christmas fayre afterwards.
<b><u>Week eight 18.12.17</u></b> <b><u>Monday 18.12.17</u></b> Christmas party! <b><u>Wednesday 20.12.17</u></b> <b><u>Last day of term</u></b> - preschool will end at 12.15pm today Happy holidays! <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Dates for the new year</u></b></p> <b><u>04.01.18</u></b> - children return to preschool <b><u>12.02.18 - 16.02.18</u></b> - Half term week <b><u>29.03.18</u></b> - Easter coffee morning and stay and play session, more details to follow nearer the time