



Purley Preschool

Newsletter January 2015



Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break – although it seems a long time ago now! Welcome back and a big Hello to all our new Pre-schoolers and Parents. We hope all our newcomers are settling in and that you enjoy your time at Pre-school.

My little boy, Ollie, is now so excited about the prospect of building a snowman – ever since those few flakes fell the other day! – and, as the weather is getting decidedly chilly, please do take note of the Winter Weather reminder on the back page.

We have lots of fun events and fundraising planned for 2015 and are delighted to announce that we will be celebrating our 50th birthday this year, having originally been set up in Sept 1965 jointly with Westwood Farm Pre-school. Please keep an eye on the Newsletters and the Notice board for upcoming events and, if you would like to help out, we are always grateful for volunteers and new Committee Members so just let us know!

Many thanks, Charlotte



Christmas Play – Thank you!

A big Thank-you to everyone who attended the Christmas Play on the 18th December. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and loved seeing your budding actors & actresses take to the stage. The event wouldn't have been such a success without the hard work of the Staff and Committee to organise it, your attendance and the Sponsors who were so generous in donating items for the raffle and refreshments.

We would like to thank:

- Starbucks Caldicot for donating coffee

And a Big Thank-you to the following Companies who were so generous in donating raffle prizes:

- Sansome and George Estate Agents, Tilehurst
- Finn Hair, Pangbourne
- Beauty Box Treatments, Pangbourne
- Christmas Adventure, Beale Park
- Greens Butchers, Pangbourne
- Distracted Art Digital Photography, Purley
- Warings Bakery, Tilehurst

Diary

Term 3 start	Tues 6 th Jan
Term 3 end	Fri 13 th Feb
Term 4 start	Mon 23 rd Feb
Term 4 end	Thurs 2 nd April
Valentine's Day Cake Sale	Thurs 12 th Feb
Pamper Evening	Fri 20 th March
Easter Party	Thurs 2 nd April
Bags2school	April – date TBC
Pre-school Outing	Thurs 7 th May (prov)
Sports Day	Wed 17 th June
Party – 50 th Celebration!	July – date TBC

Waitrose Community Matters - update

We are delighted to announce that Waitrose on Oxford Road have managed to raise £220 for Purley Pre-school through their Community Matters scheme. We have decided to put this money towards the laying of protective matting in the garden, to ensure there is a safe grassy slope for our pre-schoolers to enjoy. Thank you so much to all of you who supported us with your little green tokens!

Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund – Vote Now!

We have recently signed up to the Galaxy Hot Chocolate fund, whereby every week five £300 cash awards will be donated to local community groups and charities across the UK and Ireland. Please go to

<http://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/galaxyfund2014/profiles/purley-pre-school> to vote for us before 23rd February!

Cake Sale – Thurs 12th Feb

We will be holding a Valentine's Day themed Cake Sale on Thurs 12th Feb! Please bring your homemade/bought contributions at the beginning of this session and your purses with you at the end! School Uniforms will also be available for sale.

Pamper Evening – Fri 20th March 7.30pm

Dad's take note...Mothering Sunday is on 15th March and what better treat could there be for those lovely mums out there, than an evening of massages, manicures, nibbles and wine? Treatments will be bookable in advance and tickets will be on sale shortly (£3, incl a free drink, in advance or £4 on the door). To register your interest, please do email purleypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com.

Easter Bonnet Parade

– Thursday 2nd April

Easter is early this year so watch this space for our Easter dates and activities and get your children's thinking caps on ready for the Easter Bonnet Parade!



Pre-School Outing – Thurs 7th May

After the success of last year's visit, we've decided to take the children to Bucklebury Farm Park on 7th May this year! Preparations are underway and we will be giving you further details as soon as possible. As always, we will be asking for volunteers to join us and our excited pre-schoolers on the trip – if you would like to put your name down, please do email us at purleypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com & if you happen to have a pass for the park, please do let us know.

Toy Wish-list

We are always looking to add to and update our toy collection so if you happen to be having a clear-out or know someone who is, please bear in mind that top of our wish-list at the moment are...a toy garage, a sand tray and cover & sand toys e.g. digger, buckets & spades.

Reminders

If your child has any food allergies or intolerances, please speak to your child's key person about their dietary needs and to find out about any allergens contained in the food we serve.

Temperatures are dropping rapidly so cold weather clothing eg hat and gloves are now needed for outdoor play in addition to a coat and wellies / boots.

Pre-planning for bad weather, Mrs Mitchell has set up a policy for Pre-school opening during snow days. A decision on whether to open on a snow day will be taken by 8am in the morning jointly between Mrs Mitchell and the Committee. This decision will be communicated via Facebook, email, our website and the local radio (who broadcast a list of closed schools).

Parent Rota

Have you signed up for the Parent Rota? If not, PLEASE DO! The Parent Rota is a great way to see your Pre-schooler in his / her environment and to take part in Pre-school.

For Information and to Get in Touch:

To contact the Pre-school Committee please email: purleypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com or alternatively, catch us at drop off or collection!

To contact the Pre-school or Mrs Mitchell directly: Phone 07817 760058 or email supervisor@purleypreschool.co.uk

Our Website: www.purleypreschool.co.uk

On Facebook search for *Purley Pre-school*. Please go onto Facebook and "like" us!

We're also on Netmums. If you are a member, please do find us & leave us a review to encourage new pre-schoolers to join us in future.