



Purley Preschool

Newsletter November 2014



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...! Well, I know I'm a little early but, I have to say, with Ollie talking about Father Christmas each & every day already, we are really getting into the Christmas spirit here and I am just so excited about seeing him in his first Christmas play this year – along with the rest of our lovely pre-schoolers!

So, don't forget to put the dates for the Christmas play and Christmas party in your diary – and return the form to get their place booked in!



Many thanks, Charlotte

Diary

Term 2 start	Monday 3 rd Nov
Term 2 end	Friday 19 th Dec
Term 3 start	Tuesday 6 th Jan
Term 3 end	Friday 13 th Feb
Bags2School	Wed 3 rd Dec
Christmas Play	Thurs 18 th Dec
Christmas Party	Friday 19 th Dec

Cake Sale – update

Thank you so much to you all for making the recent cake sale such a success and for donating all the delicious cakes, biscuits and buns! Together we managed to raise over £50 which will be put towards some much-needed new storage equipment at Pre-school.

Clear Moments Photos – Reminder

Don't forget that you can still get your orders in for Tina Cleary's photos! Just give an envelope with payment to a member of staff by Friday 21st November and Tina will ensure you receive your photos just in time for Christmas! Later orders will be

accepted too but cannot be guaranteed to arrive in time.

Waitrose Community Matters - Nov



We are excited that Purley Pre-school is one of the charities in the Community Matters scheme in Waitrose on Oxford Road this month so please spread the word and help us build up our mound of little green tokens!

Bags2School – 3rd December

Just a reminder that you should all now have received one – or several! – blue Bags2School bags.

Please fill them with any unwanted clean used Clothes, Shoes, Belts, Handbags, Hats, Bags, Jewellery, Belts and Soft toys, and bring them along to Pre-School any time between 26th Nov and 3rd December.

Thank you in advance for all your donations.

Training Course – 11th December

All parents are invited to a bespoke training course called 'Behaviour Management and Promoting Positive Behaviour', run by the West Berkshire Early Years & Childcare team in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 11th December from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

There will be no charge for attending. Please email chair@purleypreschool.co.uk as soon as possible if you would like to reserve a space.

Christmas Play – 18th December

Tissues at the ready! – or is that just me?? The Christmas Play this year, entitled 'A Christmas Journey', will take place on Thursday 18th December. All the pre-schoolers are involved and there is no extra session charge if your child is not normally at Pre-school on Thursdays.



Please arrive at Pre-school at the normal time (9.15am) then stay to enjoy the Christmas Play, after which the Christmas raffle will be drawn and refreshments will be available. Pre-school finishes around 11am on this day.

There are some great prizes in the raffle and tickets will be sold at £1 per strip so please do come along prepared to buy some tickets and support Pre-school. If you happen to have any items which would make great raffle prizes, they would be gratefully received!

We will also be holding another cake sale - the recent cake contributions have shown that there is a high standard of bakers amongst us so please do get baking as we would welcome any cake donations! Tea, coffee & squash will also be available to purchase.

The Christmas Play will be recorded and copies of the DVD will be on sale at £10 each. Please ensure you order and pay for your DVD on the day for delivery prior to Christmas as they are bound to make fantastic Christmas presents!

Christmas Party – 19th December

Friday 19th December heralds the arrival of the Christmas Party and the End of Term! The Christmas Party takes place from 10am until 1pm. As with the Christmas Play, all Pre-schoolers are invited and there is no extra cost for the session.

In line with previous years, we ask that Parents please bring in food contributions for the children's Christmas Party. A list of food will be appearing on the Notice Board shortly in the form of labels. Please take a label and drop off your food on the morning of the Party. If any Parents are able to help serve the food or tidy up after the Christmas Party, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please let a member of Staff or one of the Committee know.

Rumour has it that there may even be a very special guest joining the Christmas party at Pre-School - we can't wait!



Christmas excitement is setting in – Ho ho ho! 😊

Reminders



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.

Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for a Pre-school Assistant (NVQ 3 Childcare or above) for two morning sessions a week to start asap. If you or someone you know are interested, please email chair@purleypreschool.co.uk for a job description and application form.

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** (currently being updated): 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.