

Staff Autumn Newsletter



We are enjoying a very busy start to the new term with lots of new children and parents joining us. We are a friendly bunch here so please give a warm welcome to any new parents or children if you see them in the lobby as some of our families are new to the area. Our Harvest Festival at St Deny's church was a lovely start to the term with many parents and grandparents attending. We had a bit of an email blip at the start of term so huge apologies if you missed the email about our Harvest. Most of our communication is now via email so please let us know if your email changes and I will endeavour to get it right!

Staffing:

You will soon see some new faces at pre school.

On Tuesdays we have been joined by Ginny who is seeking work experience with young children as she is currently going through the adoption process. I have actually known Ginny all my life and she is a wonderful God Parent to my own children. Ginny has enjoyed a very busy career as a chef but for now is concentrating on preparing for her new family, however I'm sure we can tap into her culinary skills.

On Thursdays we will shortly be joined by Daisy who is seeking work experience as she is planning a future in nursing. Daisy is a busy person as she is currently studying at college and also works part time but can't wait to join us at pre school.

NB: All volunteers are CRB checked for suitability

We are looking forward to both girls joining us.

Events:

Halloween:

31st October - Halloween day - we have decided to celebrate Halloween this year and would love some parent helpers. If your child attends on a Monday could they please bring with them a pumpkin for carving. We will be doing apple bobbing (does anyone

have any apples they can spare?) and Halloween baking. It would also be lovely for children to come in dressed up in a Halloween theme but please no scary masks as staff are easily scared!



Please also let us know if you would like to come in as a parents helper for the day.

Pampered Chef:

We will be holding a Pampered Chef party at pre school on 9th November in the evening to raise funds for pre-school. More details will be sent very soon from our committee (I just wanted you to have the date for your diary).

Road Safety:

With the clocks going backwards soon and the darker mornings we are looking to have a talk from our local Community Police Officer Matt on road safety. This will be aimed at the children but we will also have information to send home to parents regarding how to teach your child to be safe around rounds, safety belt rules and guidelines, be safe be seen etc. I will let you all know as soon as I have a date.

Decoration Week:



We love Christmas at pre school so this year we are going to have a whole week of making things for Christmas. If you would like to join us as a parent helper during this time please let us know. Decoration week will be 5th - 9th December.

Nativity:

Our traditional nativity play will be on 16th December - St Denys church 1.30 - 2.30 ish - more details to follow nearer the time.

Requests:

Snails:

I visited another nursery recently and came back with some African Snail eggs which are now hatching. African snails grow to the size of your hand and can be kept in a fish tank with soil and bark. They like to eat cucumber, lettuce etc. and are very easy to keep (we have fact sheets available) . If you would like to give a home to a snail or two, please speak to Vicky.

Pants:



We are running short on boys pants so if you have any spares we would be very pleased to have them.

Please note this is not your usual full newsletter from our committee as our lovely secretary Becky has stepped down as she has just started a new job, I just wanted to send out some information to you all before we appointed a new secretary.

Thank you Becky for all the hard work, time and fun that you have given us - *GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW JOB*

We are having a committee meeting on 20th October 8.00 p.m. at pre school as we have some decisions to make as a committee regarding our constitution and how we run as a committee, so if you are interested on being on our committee please join us so that you can find out what being on a committee means. Following this meeting (date TBC) we will be having an *AGM* to formally appoint new committee members.

Please see below summary of dates but I'm sure we will be adding to this:

Date	Event
31 st October	Halloween day
9 th November	Pampered Chef Fundraiser
5 th -9 th December	Decoration week
16 th December	Nativity 1.30 - 2.30 Last Day of Term

Many thanks
Vicky and the team