

St Michael and All Angels Pre-school

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Pre-school, I hope that many of you will join us in celebrating our return to Pre-school and for all children returning to schools on Sunday 6th September at 10:30am in the Church.

We had a great end to the last academic year with some special events Sports Day, Charlie Wilson Storytelling, displays in both French and Dancing and of course our Leaver's Show.

We also raised over three hundred pounds at the Leaver's Show which will be put to good use to pay for our French lessons and Dance classes and some additional events to come later in the term.

It's always sad to say goodbye to a large group of children but we are confident that they are all well prepared for their next adventure.

Postcards and photographs wanted please!

If you are off on holiday or just for a day out please bring us a postcard or a photograph for our display board, the children love to see pictures of where they have been on display.

We also would like family photos for our Family Book if you haven't already done this, again the children love to look through and remember their friends that have left to go to school or even see



Upcoming Events

September 2nd

Pre-school re-opens

September 6

Celebration in the Church

September 11

Tapestry Drop in Session

Important Announcement

Fees will be rising in September 2015 to £13-50 per session, snack donations will now be called Pre-school donation and will be £5 for each session that the child attends in a week per term.

photographs of themselves as babies with their bigger brothers or sisters.

Parent Feedback

Thank you to those parents who completed the Questionnaire last term, you have provided us with some excellent reviews and we are currently looking at what we can do to address any issues that were raised.

One issue that we continue to try to improve is our communication systems. As with other schools we have now moved away from providing hard, paper copies of correspondence, wherever possible and most of our information is delivered by email. I hope that you will take a few minutes to explore the Pre-school website which was updated last year, it does contain a diary of events which you can use to check dates and find extra information. We also have a parent's gallery where you can see some photographs of last year, this is password protected and the current password is Gruffalo.

All newsletters and information emails are loaded onto the website for you to review if the emails are deleted. We also have a closed facebook page for parents please copy and paste this link to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/58807268298/>

An issue that was raised by several parents is trips into the local area. We will be running Forest School again for the older children, letters to arrange the dates will be sent out in September.

Autumn Term 2015

From September French lessons will be starting on Wednesday mornings and dance class will continue on Monday mornings initially, I will probably move one or both of these classes to other days later in the year to allow more children a taste of these experiences. I would be very interested in talking to anyone who could help us out with some music sessions.

We hope to continue to make good use of the garden as we implement a new planning system which focusses more on the individual child's interests and skills. You should see this reflected in the observations on our Tapestry system. Hopefully you will all have received a link to set up a password to view your child's Learning Journal, please feel free to add any photographs or comments about your child's Summer holidays. I will be sending out more detailed information holding a parent's session in early September to go through the system with you. If you fancy having a look at how it all works before then we will be using Tapestry, <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction#overview>.

More Important News

Opportunities to get involved

Pre-school AGM – 21st September 2015 9:15

Some of our committee members have stood down from the committee as their children start school in September, we already have some interest from parents hoping to join the main committee, however, we are hoping that as many of our fund raisers have left some of you might like to have a go! This is a great opportunity to meet up with other parents socially and make new friends before starting school, fund raising meetings take place roughly once each 6-8 weeks and are usually held at one of the parent's houses during session time. Full committee meetings are also once each half term and are held on Monday evenings at 7-45pm. Many of our parents continue to enjoy fundraising and go on to become members of the PTA and school governors. You do not need any formal checks to join our fundraisers.

Getting involved is a great way to help make some important decisions that do affect your child, get to know the senior staff and other parents a bit better and also have a great time! Just a hint I was once treasurer of the Pre-school... many years ago!

Reminders

- Children need sunhats and sun cream in September
- Please provide a change of clothes for your child – we will be doing lots of water play.
- Layers of clothing are perfect going into the Autumn term so that your child feels comfortable inside and out.
- We prefer that children do not bring in items from home unless specifically asked for.
- Please ensure that you tell us about any medication that you have given your child before a session.
- Let us know if there are any changes of contact details for September.



In the Community

Celebrate Starting Pre-school and School

All of our leavers, those coming back in September and our new children and families are invited to join Rev. Tom in the Church on Sunday September 6th at 10:30 for a very special celebration service (toddlers, children and families all welcome)

Staff News

Going into 2015-2016 there are no changes to staffing.

Reminders

Please let us know if you have changed your phone number or email address or those of your emergency contacts