

St Michael and All Angels Pre-school

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Dear Parents

Christmas Preparations!

This is always the busiest month of the year. I have kept the calendar on the Pre-school website updated with events including times in case you need to check. Practice for the Nativity/Christmas Production is now underway and hopefully there will be lots of participation from the children.

In this newsletter you will find information on some of the events that are coming up soon both for the children and families.

We have recently introduced open days with bookable appointments for prospective parents, this is because the numbers of people asking to be shown around has dramatically increased and was becoming disruptive for the children and staff. We are still operating an open-door policy to parents who already have children with us and want to come in.

Photographer – Thursday 1st December 9am to 10-30am

I have booked Mark Bloxham for a short session for those who were unable to attend the earlier day.

Tiny Tales – In session visits 21st November and 1st December



Upcoming Events

December 1st – Photographer

9am to 10-30am

**December 3rd – Children's
Christmas Party** 2pm to 4pm
(Tickets Available)

**December 7th – French open
class at 11am**

**December 8th – Pre-school
Crib Service** 11am in the
Church all welcome

**December 9th &/or 12th –
Christmas Jumper day for
Save the Children.**

**December 13th - 11am
Christmas open dance class**

**December 15th – Nativity and
End of Term**

**Thursday January 5th - Pre-
school Re-opens**

**You will find a full calendar
and details of all events
listed on the Pre-school
website.**

We have Hannah from Tiny Tales booked to tell some Christmas stories to the children who attend the morning sessions on the above dates.

Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 3rd December at 2pm to 4pm

Our fantastic fundraisers are hosting a Christmas party for all of our children and families. It will be in the hall on Saturday 3rd December, we have an entertainer booked and some refreshments planned for adults. You must stay with your child during this party. If you would like to donate mince pies and mulled wine for this event we would be very grateful.

French Christmas open class – Wednesday 7th December at 11am

Severine and the children will be showing you what they have been learning in their weekly sessions. Please wait at the door at 11am.

Crib Service at 11am on Thursday 8th December

You are invited to bring in your child, and other family members to join the Thursday morning children in the Church at 11am, Rev. Tom (possibly in the disguise of a shepherd) will be telling the children the story of Christmas. Last year the children helped Tom to find some of the characters that were hiding in the Church. We will also sing a Christmas carol. A separate letter will be out for you to reserve your tickets.

Dance Display Session – Tuesday 13th December at 11am

Jemma and the children will be demonstrating the dances they have been learning this term – those who attended on Tuesday afternoons are welcome to come in with parents at 11am and join in too.

Party Pets – Friday 9th December

Party pets are in at 9-30/10am on the above day – we may have some extra space for children who do not usually come in on Friday morning and are accompanied by their parent, first come first serve list with the supervisors.

Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children – Friday 9th and Monday 12th December

Seeing as we now all have Christmas jumpers it would seem silly not to wear them at least once! So all children and parents are welcome to join us on the above dates, looking lovely in our novelty tops and of course popping s £1 or more into our save the Children/Text Santa collection pot.

Nativity Play – Thursday 15th December

This year's Nativity is on Thursday 15th December and will start at 9-30am. The doors for parents and children will open at 9am. Children should wear black clothing with added tinsel. The words to our songs and information on downloading the tracks from iTunes to practice at home are on the website under the parent's page. This is also our end of term. We will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies (donations please) and we have a raffle (we would like donations of Wine, chocolate, candles or prizes suitable for grown ups!) A special visitor from the North Pole will be meeting the children in our quiet room after the Nativity finishes.

Pre-school closes for the holidays straight after the Nativity event.

Recent Reports into Ofsted inspected Nurseries/Pre-schools on Good Morning Britain, 15th November.

I am sure that like me many of you watched the undercover reporter who had complete access to the children at the Nursery in Carshalton shown on the above TV show.

I would like to re-assure all of you that we take the safety of all of the children extremely seriously. All of our staff have enhanced DBS checks and we do seek full written references. Our volunteers (if we have any) are also fully checked with the DBS and if are unknown to us we ask for proof of identification and references too. Volunteers and unqualified staff are never allowed to supervise children and work under the supervision of our experienced and qualified staff.

If you ever have any concerns about the care and education of the children at Pre-school I hope that you all feel confident to ask us

Christmas Cards etc!

We will have a Christmas post box for the children to post cards to one another or to staff from the 5th December. We empty the box daily and place any cards into Book Bags. Please remember that we have some children with the same or very similar first names.

P.S!

Chalkwell Hall Schools Christmas Market and Fair – Everyone is very welcome to pop in and join the festivities at our local infant and junior school on Friday 9th December 3-30 to 6pm

Donations Required Please

Raffle Prizes (Wine, chocolate, candles and toiletries for adults please) for the Nativity.

Cakes and Mince pies for our sale at the Nativity.

Donations of glitter are always welcome especially with Christmas coming!

Reminders

- Winter is coming! – Children need to have warm clothing; layers are best as they can take off/add more as required.
- Please label your children's clothes especially uniform to help us make sure it goes home with the rightful owners!
- Please let us know by telephone or email if your child is not attending a session as we are required to record this information.
- Please ensure that you tell us about any medication that you have given your child before a session, if you don't have time to complete the form at Pre-school you can download and complete one at home.
- There is a charge applied for children, funded or non-funded who are late in being collected (not in a one off emergency) this is because staff have to remain on the premises outside of their contracted hours.

Wishing all of our children and families a very Happy Christmas and New Year from Sally, Vanessa and Sandra and the staff team.



Staff News

Staffing remains the same.

Reminders

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