

St Michael and All Angels Pre-school

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our March and Easter Newsletter. We have quite a few events coming up over the next couple of weeks so please note the dates in your diaries. Please note that Pre-school will close for the Spring Holidays at 11:30 on Friday 31st March (No afternoon or lunch club session) but please join us for the party!

Allocations for September 2017

Thank you all for sending in your requests for the next academic year, as you will be aware we have a long waiting list and we do need to let those parents know whether they have a space for September. In addition, in September 2017 we have the introduction of an extended offer of free hours for working parents, this means that some 3 and 4 year olds will be eligible for up to 30 hours. If you are not sure whether this affects you there is a childcare calculator that you can use.

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

We will be introducing a new contract/terms and conditions for parents regarding accessing the free entitlement at Pre-school.



Construction Play

Upcoming Events

- Tiny Tales Storytelling** February 24th & March 20th (am)
- World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March**
- Mother's Day Artwork Sale & Coffee Morning – Friday 17th March (9am to 11-15)**
- Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March**
- Wine Tasting at Vino Vero – 30th March (evening)**
- Easter Egg Hunt in Church 27th March at 10am**
- Quackers Music Group – 28th March 2:30pm**
- Bunny Lunch and End of Term Celebration – Friday 31st March (11-35 to 1:45pm)**

Regular Events

- Wednesday am – French class with Severine**
- Dance Class with Jemma – Tuesday mornings**

Maths Week – Week Beginning Monday 6th March

We will be holding a week dedicated to Maths in March. We want to provide a range of activities and focus on practical maths, number confidence and shape awareness in all areas of the Pre-school. We will send home a few suggestions of activities that you can get involved with at home with your child. Chloe Dyton will be organising this week as our dedicated maths coordinator.

Fundraising Events

Coffee Morning and Art Sale – Friday 17th March 9am to 11-15am

Over the next few weeks the Fundraisers will be in Pre-school to help the children in making an extra special piece of artwork which we will be selling along with coffee on Friday 17th March in the St Michael's Room.

Wine Tasting Evening at Vino Vero – Thursday 30th February at 7:30pm

The package includes 6 wines - one fizz, 2 white and 3 reds to give a nice mix.

Tickets will be £15 including wine tasting and cheese platter with 10% of profits from sales on the night going to the preschool.

To book your place please give your payment to Sally, Sandra or Vanessa, there are limited numbers so it will be first come first served.

There are lots of examples of how your money is being spent in this newsletter – a very big thank-you from all of the children!

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is a great fund raiser for us, just pop our code into your pc before you do your online shopping and Pre-school earns money! So far your shopping has helped to raise £140.43 with easyfundraising. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelallangelslos>

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

We know that all of the children love a good story, we would very much like to find out their favourite books and stories so look out for the voting form coming home next week. On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March your child may come into Pre-school dressed up as a character from a book, please send the book (clearly named) in as well so that we can talk to your child about it, we will clear the book trolley especially.

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March

We always enjoy joining in with these special occasions and it gives us a chance to talk about other children who may be less fortunate than ours and to help raise a little money. To keep it nice and easy we will be inviting you all (parents included!) to wear red and pop some change in the pot.

Greek Celebration Day – Friday 24th March One of our parents has kindly offered to help us to celebrate their national day. We will be looking at the Greek flag, comparing the way that Greek is written compared to English, learning a little about how Greek children celebrate their national day, and making and eating some Tzatziki.

Bunny Lunch and the end of term party – Friday 31st March

We invite all children and parents to join us to celebrate the end of term. The party starts at the end of the morning session 11.30am and finishes by 1:45pm (there is no usual lunch club or afternoon on that day) all children must be accompanied by an adult.

AJ will be along to conduct the party and we will have our traditional Easter Egg raffle (please bring donations of Easter eggs in during the last week of term) we would also love some donations of cakes to sell on the day.

Carpenter/Builder, Handyperson and Help Needed

We need some carpentry and very small scale work carried out in the garden, and a job or two in the storage room, if you are interested or know some who might be please let us know.

We also need a little help with tidying up, weeding and getting the garden ready for the summer.

I would love anyone who can play an instrument to pop in and play for the children, if you have time or know someone who does please let me know.

Health and Well-being

Just a reminder, please keep your child at home for 48 hours following any sickness or diarrhea. Please let us know on the first day of absence, by telephone or by email if your child is not attending their session. Please inform us immediately if your child comes into contact with chickenpox, measles or other contagious illnesses.

Important Requests & Information!

- Your child should have a book bag with them every day – we use the bag to send home information and children's work
- Your child will need their water bottle every day.
- 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 Spring 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. These items frequently get lost, or picked up by other children causing distress to the owners.
- 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 especially mobile phones or email addresses.



Staff News

There are no changes to the staff team.

IMPORTANT

Reminders

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

Please keep your eyes on our website and face book group for information about additional events!

Letters coming soon

World Book Day Voting Form

Maths Week