



# St Michael and All Angels Pre-school

## October 2018 Newsletter



Bake off – this week's theme chocolate cakes!

Dear Parents

It has certainly been a busy few weeks at Pre-school, all of our new children have now started and we have enjoyed getting to know you all.

We now have 67 children on our books which is fairly similar to last year. Just a reminder that if your key worker is busy settling in another child please ask Sandra, Vanessa or me for any help you need.

We have started our French classes on Wednesday morning and up until half term dancing is on Monday mornings, after half term Jemma will be with us on Tuesday mornings and on Fridays we will be holding some relaxation sessions at the end of the morning sessions

Just a reminder that this year's secret and closed families Facebook page is up and running for an insight into the day to day goings on at Pre-school, activities and information, this is very similar to groups at our local primary schools, if you would like to join please send me an email.

Sally

### AUTUMN TERM

We have spent the first few weeks welcoming back the children who were with us last term and getting to know and settling in our new children. We hope to start getting Settling In reports and for those under three a Two Year Developmental report out soon. If you would like to come and see your child's keyworker or one of the managers about your child's progress there are bookable appointments available on our website.

For the children who were with us last term you will get a summary report at the end of the term.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support us at the AGM. We will be needing a new voluntary treasurer next year and if you will be with us for some time and might be interested in getting a little more involved (we have a finance officer who does all of the accounts work – the treasurer role is mainly to maintain an overview of the Pre-school's finances) please let me know.

We also celebrated St Michael's Day in the Church last Thursday.

### Harvest Festival

Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October is our celebration of Harvest, Rev. Tom will be in to read harvest stories to the children and we will be collecting your donations of food and toiletries which are added to the Church collection, last year these were given to Southend HARP.

The children will be learning a few harvest songs – you may hear cauliflowers are fluffy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PukdaXUzgOU>



## STARTING SCHOOL 2019

[www.stmichaelandallangelspreschool.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelandallangelspreschool.org.uk)

Any information about our local schools open days has been uploaded to our website and to the parents face book page.

## Forest School 2018-2019

Our first eight Forest Schoolers will be off to Belfairs next week for four sessions. I will be sending out an invitation to those new children who are in their last year before school for sessions in the Spring and Summer.

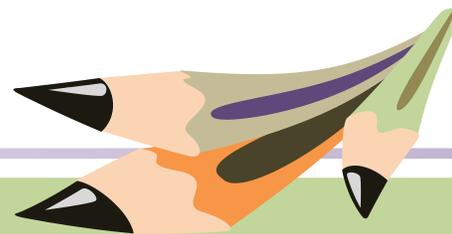
We may also arrange an outdoor learning session at Darlinghurst later on in the term – more info to follow.

## Hall Decoration

I'm sure you will all agree that the hall looks fresh and clean after it's makeover in the Summer. The Church are now moving on to the outside of the building which is due to start this week. Please take care with your older children at drop off and pick up as there will be wet paint and ladders.

## Reminders

- Could you please name lunch boxes clearly on the outside, we have several that look identical.
- Can you please make sure your child brings in a book bag to every session.
- We are sending out reading books to share at home with our older children.
- We now have supplies of the 3-4 year old polo shirts if you are waiting.
- The fundraisers are meeting on Thursday at 9am in Birdwood all are welcome to come along.
- Gold Hearts will shortly be on sale all proceeds going to Gold Geese to support local children and families with a diagnosis of childhood cancer



## Story of St Michael!

If you are worried about the safety or well-being of a child, please speak to Sally who is the Pre-school's designated Safeguarding lead. You will also find local phone numbers and advise on safeguarding on the Pre-school website.

Pre-school has a mobile phone, we are using this for texts, and when we go out on trips. For your information and use if you just want a question answered its **07988 290025**

Many thanks for all of your support and for taking the time to read our newsletters, emails and posts.  
Sally

