



St Michael and All Angels Pre-school

October 2019 Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2019



Harvest Donations

Dear Parents and Families

It has been a busy start to the year at Pre-school. Our older children have been making new friends and we have seen great progress with our lovely new children settling in.

Our AGM in September was well attended and our new fundraisers are meeting on Thursday 17th October at Birdwood Bakery straight after drop off if anyone is interested all are welcome! We have a few fundraising ideas on the go for this term. If you are working but would like to help out please let me know and I will put you in touch with the team.

So far we have noticed that this years children absolutely love the Book Area and listening to stories. It's interesting to watch the areas that children are interested in each year!

Thank you for your generous harvest donations!

Best wishes
Sally

During the children's play we have been observing their development, mainly in the three prime areas so that we can make sure that we are supporting them all in their next steps.

We have set ourselves a challenge to improve our practice and support the children in Communication and Language Development this year. This will involve staff training, improvements in the equipment and suggesting ways in which you can support your child at home. We must also ensure that we are challenging our very able speakers.

Look out for focused observations and assessments in your child's Learning Journal. Chloe is sharing an initiative to encourage widening vocabulary at home through the Early Years Alliance, she will be sending out letters soon. Chloe and I are planning a workshop for parents in the Spring Term.

Fundraising Plans for this term

Children's Christmas Party on Saturday 7th December at 2pm – 4pm Tickets on sale after half term

Individual Children's Photo shoots with Louise Ford from Juniper Photography starting on Tuesday 5th November

Evening Event – Pre-Christmas get together more details to follow soon!



Appointments to discuss your child's progress are available!

There will be opportunities to meet your child's key manager or keyworker around half term to discuss their progress. Please book in if you would like an appointment.

<https://stmichaelandallangelspreschool.org.uk/setting-in-review-appointments/>

Additional Activities

French is up and running and the children are enjoying their lesson with Severine on a Wednesday morning.

Jemma has returned and is teaching dance currently on a Tuesday morning but this will move to a Monday after half term, starting 11th November.

We have not yet started our stretching and relaxing as we are waiting to hear whether Danniella can get time away from her new job to teach the children, if not I will contact another teacher.

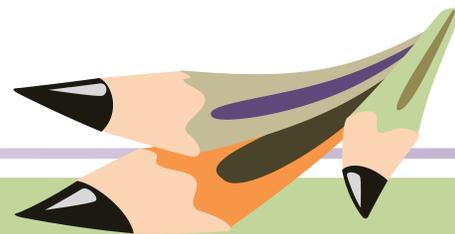
Teresa and Rev. Tom have visited the children to read stories.

Students

We currently have two students, Lauren on Mondays and Jade on Fridays. We will be taking a post 16 student from Lancaster School in January probably on a Tuesday

Christmas Prep!

After half term the children will start to learn some Christmas songs and rehearse for our Nativity performance at the end of the term, I will send you information once we have finalised our plans.



Talking Tots visit!

Reminders!

Please ensure that you have read the Parental/Pre-school agreement and brought in your reply form.

It's getting colder, can you please pop a layer into your child's back pack in case they ask for one.

If you have changed your contact details please let us know.

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

