

TERM TWO NEWSLETTER.

We have several new starters during November so we'd like to extend a warm welcome to them and their families and carers. We hope your time with us will be happy and you will have lots of opportunities to participate in Pre-School life.

THEME



Our theme in November will be "safety". Our theme during December will be Christmas and celebrations.

STAFFING

We will be welcoming Sue Birks to our setting from mid November. Sue is an experienced nursery nurse and will be joining us three mornings a week. Whilst we have been carrying a vacancy trustees have been filling in the gaps, but we would welcome any help from parents/carers in session any day of the week.

APPRENTICE

Unfortunately we were unable to recruit an apprentice at this point in time. We will re-assess the situation later in the year and decide whether to advertise again.

CHANGING HOURS

Families in receipt of funding and already registered at Brailsford Pre-School can now only change their funded hours at the start of each term, due to new local authority legislation. We're sorry that we don't have any control over this but we encourage everyone to take as many hours as circumstances allow. We will be asking parents their requirements for January very soon and urge parents to take up their funded hours, particularly those children now preparing for school, as no changes can be funded then until after Easter. Please speak to a member of staff about your requirements.

SESSIONS

If you need an extra ad-hoc session you can book this by speaking to a member of

staff. Ad-hoc sessions can be paid for on the day.

SNACK



We have noticed a number of children are not eating certain types of snack. Our policy is to provide a mid-morning snack that provides an energy boost, an opportunity to talk about healthy eating, and a social experience as children eat together. We have decided to display the snack menu for the forthcoming weeks in the entrance hall. Parents can then make the decision that if their child has a genuine dislike of a particular food a small healthy alternative can be sent in a named and sealed container.

POP & STOP NOVEMBER

Families are invited to make an appointment with their child's keyworker any morning in November, to discuss their child's progress.

EASYFUNDRAISING

 easyfundraising.org.uk
feel good shopping

Collect free donations for Pre-School when you shop online this Christmas, from stocking fillers to stuffing - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

<http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brailsfordprecsh>

MAGIC MONKEY PRODUCTIONS

Magic Monkey will be in making Christmas themed videos of your child on Wednesday 18 November. These professional videos make a lovely memento of your child and great gifts for relatives. Children not normally in session are welcome to pop in and take part.

SCISSORS



Using scissors is an important fine motor skill children need to master. It strengthens hands and increases endurance in preparation for early writing skills. It also enables children more independence with what they do creatively. These skills can be practiced at home and families can assist us by helping to reinforce the safe use of scissors. Children can be encouraged to understand and follow simple rules; only materials provided should be cut, cutting should be done at the table, and how scissors can be safely transported.

BAKE SALE

The next bake sale will be morning of Tues 17 Nov, 9:30 onwards in the Methodist Church Café, Brailsford

PERSONALISED MUGS



Children (and adults) will have the opportunity to put their very own artwork onto a mug during November. Mugs will be price at £6 each and will be ready in good time for giving as Christmas presents.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tempest Photography will be in on Wednesday 2 December to take portrait photos, younger siblings and those not normally in session are welcome to come along.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Our next Bags 2 School clothing collection will be the morning of 18 November, just in time for a pre-Christmas clear out. Please collect and bring in any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and accessories as close to this date as possible, ideally on the morning itself. Bags will be provided. We then get paid by the weight of textiles we are exchanging, so do encourage friends and family to do the same.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We will be sending a

separate letter with more details about the Christmas Fayre, but in the meantime please spread the word for Tuesday 1st December, 2:30pm – 4:30m. We need raffle and tombola prizes as well as offers of help on the day.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

We aim to get outside every day no matter the weather so please ensure your child comes to school with named wellies and waterproofs, hats and mittens EVERY day.



TERM 3

Term 3 will run from the 4 January to the 12 February. Please note that this is in line with Derbyshire County Council but local school arrangements, particularly in the Ashbourne District may be different due to Shrovetide. Our policy on deciding which week to take is to take into account how many children with older siblings are likely to be affected.

JAZZ NIGHT



Diary date –jazz night fundraiser, live band, dancing and supper, Saturday 6th February. Details coming soon.