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TERM ONE NEWSLETTER.



A very warm welcome to all our new starters this term and their extended families, childminders etc. We hope you will enjoy your time with us and make lots of new friends.

THEME

Our theme until December will be People who help us. We have visits planned by a nurse and a police officer but if someone in your family would like to get involved we would welcome a visit from anyone working in a role that helps people.

STAFFING

We will be saying goodbye to Sue Wright at the end of the month as she leaves to take on additional hours at her other workplace. We will miss her smiles and her enthusiasm. Sally and Vicky will be looking after Sue's key children as an interim measure and Vicky will now

be at Pre-School five mornings a week.

APPRENTICE WANTED

We are currently recruiting for an apprentice role to work five mornings a week whilst gaining experience and working towards a level 2 qualification. If you know anybody that might be interested please pass on our contact details.

UNIFORM

We will be placing a group order for uniform in the coming weeks. Please see the attached order form. Samples for sizes can be found in the foyer.



AGM

Our AGM takes place on Thursday 15 October at 7:45pm at Brailsford Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear more about Pre-School and how we operate. This is an exciting time to get involved as we work towards ways of offering extended and flexible hours. We do have

vacancies for trustees, so if you are interested in having a say in the future of Pre-School we would welcome your involvement, particularly anyone with younger children as the decisions made this year will have a direct impact on children joining us over the coming years.

CHILDREN'S INTERESTS

Every week when we sit down to plan activities for the following week(s) we ensure we take into account the needs of each and every child. To make sure we continue to engage your child with interesting and challenging activities we periodically ask you for information on your child's current interests. It is very useful if you return this information and help us to encourage your child to tell us about what activities and resources they have enjoyed (or not!) or would like to see.

EXISTING INJURIES

If your child has an existing injury we ask that you make a member of staff aware and they will record this information. Please don't be

offended if we ask questions, we have a statutory duty through our safeguarding remit to ensure our children are all well cared for. You are welcome to speak to us in private and confidentially about anything affecting your child's wellbeing.

CHANGING HOURS

Families in receipt of funding can now only change their funded hours at the start of each term, due to new local authority legislation. Any extra sessions on top of those applied for will have to be charged. We're sorry that we don't have any control over this but we encourage everyone to take as many hours as circumstances allow

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.

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.

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. We then get paid by the weight of textiles we are exchanging, so do encourage friends and family to do the same.

RECYCLING

We are collecting a number of items to use in our craft projects, so please bring in any large plastic lids (the size on a milk bottle), jar lids, lolly sticks and loo rolls (clean please!)



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Apologies for using the C work so early, but a date for your diary is Tuesday 1 December, our Christmas Fayre. We will be sending out requests for raffle and tombola prizes in due course and any offers of help in planning would be gratefully received.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

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



TERM DATES 2015/2016

T1 7 September 2015 – 23 October 2015 (35 days)
T2 2 November 2015 – 18 December 2015 (35 days)
T3 4 January 2016 – 12 February 2016 (30 days)
T4 22 February 2016 – 24 March 2016 (24 days)
T5 11 April 2016 – 27 May 2016 (34 days)
T6 6 June 2016 – 26 July 2016 (37 days).

DIARY DATES

Weds 18 Nov – Magic Monkey videos

Weds 18 Nov – Bags 2 School collection

Tues 1 Dec – Christmas Fayre

Weds 2 Dec – Tempest Photography

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