



# Brailsford Pre-School



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 "Friends of Brailsford Pre-School"

**WELCOME TOTERM 4 NEWS, OUR NEXT TOPIC WILL BE FOOD.** Where does it come from, how do we prepare it? How does it look, taste, feel? What does a healthy diet look like? We will also cover Mother's Day, Easter and World Book Day.

### **SURVEY**

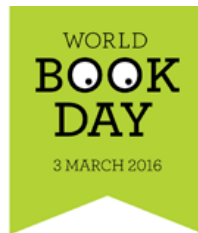
You will be receiving a survey from us in the coming weeks principally concerned with our operating hours. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to think about what hours you might use should we be able to increase what we offer, and give us any feedback or thoughts on this topic, for example how it might impact parents on returning to work, fitting in with other children etc.

### **CAKE SALE/BOOK SWAP**

Next bake sale at the Methodist Church Café will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. As it is book swap day it will be a busy one so if you are able to bake some cakes to sell please drop at Pre-School in the morning or take along to the Church from 9:30am. Join

us up there for a coffee and bring a book to swap.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**



Thursday 3 March is World Book Day, but as we like to celebrate books every day of the week children are encouraged to bring in their favourite books all week long to share with our group. If you would also like to dress as your favourite book character either on the 3 March or any time that week, we would love to see your costumes!

### **EASTER BONNET PARADE**



We will be holding our Easter celebrations **on Wednesday 23 March**. Children are

invited to bring their **Easter bonnet creations to wear in the Easter parade**. The children will treat us to some singing and we will have our annual Easter treasure hunt. Families and children not normally in session are invited **to join us from 11:15am**. Family and friends welcome.

### **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS**



We are collecting Sainsbury's active kids vouchers again this year. Vouchers are given based on your spend with Sainsbury's and can be deposited in the box next to the registration table. We have collected some brilliant equipment over the last couple of years by participating in this scheme so please let your friends and family know we are collecting and would greatly appreciate any vouchers.

### **INVOICING**

Parents of funded children

may notice that we are no longer issuing a statement of your child's hours and the funding we claim on their behalf. Following our local authority compliance visit we have been advised that this documentation is not necessary, however should you need this information for any purpose please let us know and we will be happy to supply it.

### **DEFIBRILATOR**



You may have noticed that the Institute now has a defibrillator fitted to the end of the building for use by the local community. The equipment can be accessed by dialling 999 and following the operator's instructions.

### **JAZZ NIGHT**

Many thanks to everyone who was able to support us on jazz night. We have received £440 from the Methodist Church.

### **SESSIONS**

We are very close to capacity on some days but have multiple spaces on others, so if you are considering changing days or increasing hours please let us know as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### **HELP NEEDED**



If you can spare half an hour from about 11:45 to help with packing up your help would be greatly appreciated. Please just let a member of staff know they can expect you. If you would like to stay for a full session and help with reading and crafts etc please also speak to a member of staff. An extra pair of grown up hands is always warmly welcomed even if it is only once per half term.

### **INSET DAYS**

We will be closed to children on Wednesday 13 April and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July for inset days. Families who pay for their child's sessions will not be billed for these days. For funded children, inset days are already factored in to the 39 week academic year.

### **POLLING DAYS**

The Institute will be used for local elections on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June for the EU referendum. We plan to use these dates for our summer trip with the 5<sup>th</sup> May likely to be a group trip to Happy Hens. On 23 June we will run a Pre-School session at Carsington Water. More details to follow.

### **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**



Please ensure children come to school with a pair of wellies and waterproofs if possible (or a change of clothes). We are outside every day and it remains very muddy outside.

### **DIARY DATES**

**w/c 29 Feb** – World Book Day

**Tuesday 15 March** – cake sale and book swap at the Methodist Church Cafe

**Wednesday 23 March** – Easter Bonnet Parade and Treasure Hunt

**Wednesday 13 April** – INSET school closed

**Thursday 5 May** – Happy Hens

**Thursday 23 June** – Carsington Water

**Friday 8 July** – INSET school closed

**Saturday 16 July** – summer party

### **TERM DATES 2015/2016**

**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).