



News Letter

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We are back after a lovely break for our busiest half term! We have such wonderful things to look forward to such as our Nativity, the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Party. Be prepared for Christmas carols and glitter galore! We would also like to take this opportunity to give a warm welcome to Mrs Helen Baker who has just joined Lilypad Pre-school as a new member of staff.

Our Topic This ½ Term

This Half Term our topic theme will be celebrations. Looking at celebrations such as Bonfire night, Birthdays, Christmas and Hanukkah.

If you have any old Xmas or Birthday cards that we can recycle into role play items please could you donate them to a member of staff.



Oh the weather outside is frightful

The warm weather has well and truly gone and we are now full in the swing of the colder, wetter weather. With this in mind please could you ensure to send your child to pre-school in the appropriate attire e.g. coats, welly boots, scarves. Can we also ask that all of these items are clearly labelled with their names.



New Website

Stay tuned for the arrival of our new pre-school website coming soon. On it you will be able to see a gallery of photos from special events, a calendar of up and coming dates for the whole school year, our newsletters, session and staff info and more.

Like us on Facebook!

Find our pre-school page on Facebook! Liking our page is a great way for you to be kept up to date with all up-coming events.



The annual Lilypad Christmas Fayre

On Sunday the 7th of December from 2-4pm at the Church Hall Lilypad Pre-school will be holding their Christmas Fayre. Come along to join in the festive fun where there will be facepainting, decoation making, games and lucky dips to keep the children entertained. Meanwhile, you can pick up some christmas presents for family and friends from the fantastic stalls featuring sellers such as 'A'more Candles' and 'Phoenix Cards'. Please don't forget to pay that crucial visit to Santa in his Grotto!



Class walk around

Our first Class Walk around of the year will be on Wednesday 10th December at 3.15pm. This is a chance for you to come and view your children's learning journal and talk to their key worker about their progress and/or any concerns.

Christmas Party

All Pre-school children are invited to the Christmas Party on Friday 19th December 9.15-11.30am at the Church Hall where there will be an entertainer, games, party food and a visit from Santa. We regret that siblings that are not at the pre-school will be unable to attend.

Nativity

Our Christmas Nativity will be held on Monday 15th December at 1.15pm in the school hall of Bishops Waltham Infant School. Costumes will be provided by the pre-school but suitable plain coloured t-shirts/trousers may be needed for certain outfits. On the day of the nativity please bring your child to the pre-school entrance to get ready at 12.30pm.

Important Dates For Your Diary

Lilypad Pre-School Christmas Fayre

Sunday 7th December

Class Walk Around

Wednesday 10th December 3.15pm

Christmas Show at 1.15pm

Monday 15th December

Children's Christmas Party

Friday 19th December 9.15-11.30am
at St Peter's Church Hall

Pre-school Closed for Christmas Holidays

Monday 22nd December - Friday
2nd January 2015

Sickness

If your child has had a bout of sickness or diarrhoea we request that you do not send your child back to pre-school until at least 48 hours after it has settled. By adhering to these guidelines you will assist in helping reduce the risk of illness spreading.

Christmas Carols

To help prepare the children for our nativity we are beginning to teach and rehearse a selection of Christmas carols with the children to sing during the performance. You will soon be provided with a copy of the lyrics to the songs and we would appreciate it if you could help practice these with children.



A Note from the Committee

Firstly a warm welcome from the committee in this cold weather. This year has already had an amazing start and we were thrilled to see so many new faces wanting to join us at the recent AGM! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Naomi Cornmell for her sterling work as Chairperson. I'm very pleased that she is staying on the committee despite stepping down as chair, she is a hard act to follow but I will do my best! We also welcome Nicola Blogg as Vice-Chair who brings with her lots of experience and fab ideas.

We are looking forward to our special "Frozen" Christmas Fayre. As a charity-run preschool we rely on fundraising and thank you for your support. The children will be having fun dress-up days in return for donations of chocolate and bottles for the tombola. All proceeds from the Fayre will go to further improving the Preschool facilities for the children.

Our website should be up again soon with a fresh new look after being redesigned. Also look out for our new "Suggestion Box" coming soon. We hope you use it to share all your fantastic fundraising ideas and as well as other suggestions to enhance our super setting. It'll be great to hear from you and have everyone's input.

Dee Matthews

Chairperson