



# Harpole Pre-School Newsletter

January 2017

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's good to be back into the pre-school routine after the Christmas holidays, it's lovely to see you all and we would like to offer a warm welcome to our new starters and their families. Can we take this opportunity to wish you all health and happiness for 2017.

## Christmas Production DVD

If you haven't placed your order for the Christmas DVD please do so by 22nd January. The price is £12 per DVD, it is lovely to watch and hold on to as a keepsake. (Cheques should be payable to Harpole Pre-school) or you can place the order direct on line at: <http://cart.thetaphoto.co.uk/>.

If you have ordered but haven't received your DVD yet please see Sharon.

## Diary Dates

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Pre-school re-opens.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Coffee Morning.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term.
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Pre-school re-opens.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last Day of Term.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Pre-school re-opens

## TERM 3 – Winter/Healthy Living

Our theme for terms 3 and 4 is as above, we will be starting off with all things cold and frosty and then moving on to Healthy Living.

### ***Bumblebees***

This term the Bumblebees will be looking at winter and the weather, taking part in activities and tasks relating to the cold and snowy weather for ourselves and various animals before moving on to our next topic Being Healthy where we will be looking at hygiene, healthy eating and being safe.

### ***Butterflies***

We too will be incorporating the weather in our activities including some wintering experiments and crafts.

We will then move on to look at all things healthy we will be sharing healthy eating ideas, exercise, good hygiene and staying safe.

## LABELLING & APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please remember we strive to get the children outside 'WHATEVER THE WEATHER' as this is vitally important to their physical and emotional wellbeing and development, even if only for a short period and we would ask that you please send them with appropriate warm clothing and footwear.

We would appreciate it if all clothing are labelled – including hats, gloves, and scarves as the children can get mixed up and upset as to what belongs to them.

## THANK YOU

A BIG thank you for all our lovely cards and gifts the Purple Ladies received before we broke up. It was a difficult job, we're working our way through the chocolate and biscuits, but somebody has to do it 😊

## Parking

Due to limited parking available and the volume of cars when dropping off and collecting, could we ask parents and visitors to be mindful of other road users and respectful of residents and their driveways to avoid upset and unnecessary upset to yourselves and our neighbours.

In particular please drive and park carefully paying special attention to road and pedestrian safety.

Thank you

## EARLY YEARS VOUCHER CLAIM

Parents it is that time of year, where we need to complete forms to ensure your little one receives their 15 hours of free childcare.

This is only relevant to children that are currently 3 years of age, or have turned three before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Katie will be issuing voucher claim forms to parents of children who are entitled to this week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January, so if you do not receive a form by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January please speak to Katie.

Please ensure forms are signed and returned to Katie with a copy of a utility bill dated within the last three month, these forms need to be returned

**NO LATER than 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

If Katie doesn't receive forms back by this date, you will not receive your free funding.

## Facebook & Website

Please remember to visit our website and facebook page for regular reminders of up and coming events and news.

There is also a private group that can only be seen by parents for you to share your photos etc. All these pages can be accessed via the website at:

[www.harpolepreschool.co.uk](http://www.harpolepreschool.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/Harpole-Pre-School-128264602540](http://www.facebook.com/Harpole-Pre-School-128264602540)

and the private group is:

[www.facebook.com/groups/295670870805144](http://www.facebook.com/groups/295670870805144)

## Bugs & Beasties

It's that time of year when we expect to be inundated with those nasty bugs that can make us all feel rotten.

We understand that children can want to come in even when they are feeling off colour and that for working parents it can be difficult to sort out childcare, however it is important that when a child is poorly they are kept away from Pre-school, not only to avoid the spread of infection but also so children can recover quickly and completely.

Please if your child is under the weather think twice before you send them in, as in a setting environment germs and illness are VERY easily spread and will go round and round for weeks if not months.

Please also remember that children are unable to attend pre-school for 48 hours after any bout of sickness or diarrhoea, this is a government recommendation that all nursery's, pre-schools and schools must adhere to.

We would be most grateful if you could let us know if your child is poorly or not attending their session by contacting us by telephone or email:

Pre-School Telephone: 07709086087

Business Manager: 07933794526

Email: [Supervisor@harpolepreschool.co.uk](mailto:Supervisor@harpolepreschool.co.uk)

Email: [Manager@harpolepreschool.co.uk](mailto:Manager@harpolepreschool.co.uk)

## Pre-School Wish List

Please could you donate any of the following for this terms projects?

- Red Ribbon
- Large White Card
- White paper plates of different sizes.

Please bring them into Pre School and hand to a member of staff.

Many Thanks