



# Harpole Pre-School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016

## Term Topic

This term we will be looking at colours and shapes and will be incorporating these in this term's seasonal celebrations, including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. It's going to be a very busy term with loads of activities and experiences for the children and their families. Let the fun commence.....

## Important Diary Dates

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Teacher Training Day.
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Pre-school re-opens.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Bags 2 School Collection (Please bring your bags in before this date)
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Photo Shoot for ALL children. (Time slots available on notice board for siblings too).
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Pyjama Day.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee Morning.
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Pamper Night.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party for ALL children
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher Training Day.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Pre-school Re-opens.



## Pre-School 'Wish List'

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

- Sheets or rolls of wrapping paper
- Empty Cereal Boxes
- Brown paper
- Old Christmas Cards
- Ribbons or bows
- Paper
- Natural Autumn Items ie: conkers, acorns etc.
- As always; toilet roll tubes
- Glitter

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

## Children in Need 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

We like to support this fantastic cause every year and will be coming to pre-school in our pajama's, onesies and sleeping attire.

If your child would like to join us that would be great all we ask is for a donation which will be sent off to children in Need.

Many Thanks

## Bags 4 Schools 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

We are again carrying out this fundraiser which has helped us raise nearly £200 last year, by just bagging up our old clothes, bags, sheets and towels and getting it collected.

An ideal time to get rid of unwanted items before Christmas. Please bring your bags in before 2nd November

Many Thanks.

## Photo Shoot Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

We will be having a photographer coming in on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 8.15am to 12.30pm. All children already attending the session will be taken to have their photo taken. However if you wish to have siblings done at the same time please bring them in. A list is on the notice board with available time slots. Those in on that morning will be taken by staff

There will be a variety of packages to suit and make lovely Christmas presents.



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## 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 hassle to yourselves and our neighbours.

**Please DO NOT park alongside the wall before you get to the corner where the Old School is situated.**

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

## Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who has supported and attended our coffee mornings. They are proving to be very successful being a great opportunity for lots of chat, play and cake.

Date of our next get together is Friday 18th<sup>th</sup> November when we will be supporting Children in Need.



## Achievement Stars



Our achievement board is displayed within the room with blank stars available in the clear wallet pinned to it.

This board is for all to use and to share the children's special moments, this could be tidying up for mum, being kind, learning to ride their bicycle.

Please use the board so that we can all discuss and be proud of the children's achievements. Which we will share with the group during register, at which time the child will receive a round of applause and a sticker. The stars will be added to their journeys at the end of each term.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to talk to any of the staff.

## LABELLING

Please remember to label ALL outdoor clothing – including hats, gloves, and scarves as the children can get a little confused about what belongs to them.

We do have forms available should you wish to purchase any labels.

## Committee 2016/2017

Thank you to those that attended our AGM.

The committee for this year is a mixture of existing and new members who we look forward to working together with.

A list of the committee and their contact details will be placed on the notice board shortly.

A BIG thank you to those past and present who give up their time to ensure the pre-school can continue to offer quality care and education, without them we simply would not be open.

## Pamper Night - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

A night to relax and be pampered before the Christmas rush starts. Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Manicure, pedicure, Aromatherapy, Mini facials, waxing, Psychic Readings and many more all available.

Treatments are for 10 or 20 minutes - £5 and £10 respectively. All appointments to be booked prior to the night.

Stalls and raffle

£5.00 per person which includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

[Tickets and pamper bookings being taken NOW](#)

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## Christmas Raffle

We will be holding our annual fundraising raffle again this year. We appreciate that it is a very expensive time of year but would like to ask for your help in both helping us to put together a luxury food/drink hamper and selling as many tickets as we can.

We have already secured some lovely prizes donated by local businesses and staff are putting together a chocolate hamper (which they hope to win back!!). A list of hamper goodies will be placed on the notice board after half term for you to indicate if you can help, your generosity is much appreciated.

Raffle books will also be distributed to each family shortly, please sell as many as you can and return stubs, money and any unsold tickets back to pre-school.

Many thanks for your support.

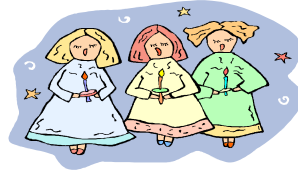


## Christmas Party Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

All children are invited to attend our Christmas party even if they do not usually come to Pre School on a Friday.

An entertainer will be coming in to provide magic and mayhem and there will be party games and lots of fun. No packed lunch will be needed as we will be providing party food.

A visit from Santa is also expected if the children and staff are good at approximately 12.30pm if you wish to come and watch.



## Christmas Performance

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am start.

This annual event is a much anticipated and enjoyable part of our Christmas celebrations where the children get to dress up and sing songs for you all. We are currently putting together the performance and will let you know more details shortly. There will be a list on the notice board for you to indicate whether your child will be able to attend, from this we will be able to allocate roles and let you know what costumes and props your child may need.

You will also receive a request form for you to indicate whether or not you will be attending this year's concert. Due to the higher numbers of children now at Pre-School and the limited space we have to restrict tickets to two per family. Apologies for this and we will let you know if more seats become available.

Please could we ask that parent's do NOT use recording devices during the performance, as these tend to restrict other's viewing. A DVD of the concert will be available to purchase at a reasonable cost.

## Thank You

A big thank you for getting to the bottom of this long newsletter, it will be a fun packed term with so much to do and enjoy 😊