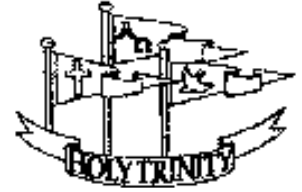




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Newsletter September 2017

Dear Parents/carers

We would like to extend a rather belated warm welcome to all children and parents who joined us in September, and to all the children returning after the summer holidays - we hope your child has started to settle in well and will enjoy their time at Trinity Pre-school, Bradley Stoke.

STAFFING

There have been no changes to staff this term but we would like to congratulate Elle (who started with us as an apprentice last September) for completing her level 2 qualification in childcare this month. Elle is a valuable member of our team and we have now offered her a permanent role within the Pre-school where she will hopefully continue on to do her level 3 qualification. The staff team have been looking at training for the coming year and are all looking to attend various short courses offered by the Local Authority to continue their professional development and bring new ideas to enhance the childrens learning and development.

FEES

At a meeting with the Management Committee on Wednesday 20th September our fee policy was reviewed and it has been necessary to increase our fees for paid sessions. As a charity run non-profit making Pre-school we aim to keep our fees as low as possible whilst making sure that we are able to cover running costs and provide the highest quality childcare.

From Monday 30th October (1st day after half term) our fees will be as follows:-

Children aged 2½ years - 3 years	hourly rate	£5.00
Children aged 3 years or more	hourly rate	£4.50
Snack fee	per session	25p

If you have any queries regarding the increase, please speak to Rachel or Sue

TAPESTRY

By now we are hoping that all parents will have received an email to activate their Tapestry on-line journal accounts. All children should have at least a 'settling in observation' in their journal. If you have not received an email or want any help or guidance, please speak to a member of staff who should be able to help you. Please bear with us as we fully implement this system. Don't forget we would love to see photos of your children at home or out and about with you - these are valuable to aid discussions with your children and to find out about their interests and time spent outside of Pre-school.

PRE-SCHOOL TEDDY BEARS

During the summer we had two new additions to the Pre-school family - Cookie and Coco. Over the year all children will have the opportunity to bring one of these bears home to spend a day or two with you and your family. There will be instructions with the bear but the main purpose is for your child to enjoy bringing this toy home with them - we hope that you may share a photo or two on tapestry but this is not compulsory.

FOCUS FOR THE TERM

Our focus for this term has been to ensure that the children (and their parents!) all settle well into the Pre-school environment and that the staff can observe the children to start planning for their individual needs. All new parents should have had an appointment to see their Child's Keyperson. We are going to

trial a different system for parents of children returning after the summer and therefore will be offering some 20-minute time slots for people to sign up for on the mornings of Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October to meet with their Child's Keyperson. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer shortly.

RESOURCES

The staff team spent a productive day in the holidays meeting up to discuss the new academic year and do some much needed sorting out of resources. We have purchased some new trollies for the book corner, mark making area and craft area to make resources more accessible to children and easier to pack away at the end of the day. Rachel and Karen had a successful trip to Scrapstore to pick up all sorts of bits and pieces to use mainly in the craft area and we are particularly excited to now have a row of coat hooks installed permanently in the rooms. We would like to say a big thank you to Helen's Dad who has made us a new gate for the fort in the garden.

From time to time, we may ask parents/carers to look out for items to bring into Pre-school to enhance the learning environment for the children. Often these may be everyday items, which you may no longer have a need for at home but still have life left in them for outdoor play, craft, role-play or our kitchen area etc. If you have anything you think may be useful, please speak to a member of staff. Also, look out for further updates on our noticeboard.

YOUR PRESCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for parents to support the Pre-school by joining our Committee as parent/fundraising representatives from October. If this is something you feel you may be able to help with please speak to Rachel who can let you know more about what is involved. Ideally, we would like two or more parents who may be able to send one representative to our committee meetings, which are held each term (i.e. six times per year) and liaise with the staff team. This gives parents a chance to represent their views on the running of the Pre-school and organise some fundraising events to help purchase new resources.

DAILY ESSENTIALS

Please don't forget to send your child to Pre-school with a water bottle, coat, wellies and rucksack/bag with a change of clothes (nappies/pull-ups and wipes if required). Please make sure your child's clothes are suitable for both indoors and outdoors by making sure they have a jumper/cardigan as an extra layer should they require it. Please make sure everything is clearly labelled - some days there are 30 children at Pre-school and I am sure you can appreciate that we cannot possibly remember what every child's possessions look like!

BEGINNINGS AND ENDS OF SESSIONS

When signing your child in and out of Pre-school at the beginning and ends of sessions please can you be patient with staff if you wish to speak to someone. Our top priority is to make sure all children come into the rooms and leave the rooms safely and it is difficult to give parents our full attention whilst doing this. If you wish to speak to a member of staff please can you be patient and wait for children to be seen in or out; we will try to get you seen as quickly as possible.

PHOTOGRAPHER

A photographer will be with us during the morning of Friday 17th November, to take individual and family photos if required. If your child does not attend a Friday session and you would like their photo taken please see Sue in the office to arrange a time. The photographs are reasonably priced and as always there is no obligation to buy, you will be given the chance to see the proofs first. We have been assured that that all photos will be ready in time for Christmas.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

For those children who will be starting Primary School in September 2018 it is recommended that you visit some of the local schools which you are interested in your child attending. We have compiled a list (see attached) of open day dates for primary schools in Bradley Stoke and you can visit any of their websites for further information. The application for a school place will be made through South Gloucestershire Council and they will ask you for three choices of schools in preferred order - please look on their website for further information - <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/>

If you require any help with any aspect of your application, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. You can apply online any time from now but there is no rush as the closing date is 15th January 2018, giving you plenty of time to consider which may be the best school(s) for your child.

TERM DATES

Attached to this newsletter are the term dates for 2017/18.

FINALLY... If you have any queries about any aspects of Pre-school or you are unsure of anything mentioned on the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact us via email or speak to a member of staff.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support at Pre-school.

Rachel, Helen, Karen, Ela, Elle, Anna, Serene and Susan

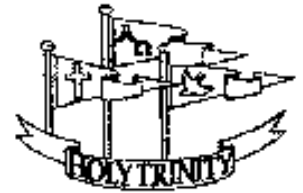
PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2018 (Please contact individual schools to check dates and make an appointment)

Holy Trinity Primary School Tel: 01454 866735	Thursday 2 nd November and Wednesday 8 th November	9.30am 11am 1.30pm
Bowland Green Primary School 01454 866766	Monday 16 th October Tuesday 17 th October Wednesday 1 st November Friday 10 th November	9.15am
Wheatfield Primary School 01454 868610	Thursday 12 th October Wednesday 1 st November Tuesday 7 th November	11am 6.30pm 11am 11am
Meadowbrook Primary School 01454 868630	Thursday 12 th October Tuesday 21 st November Friday 24 th November	9am 9am 1.30pm 9am
Baileys Court Primary School 01454 838320	Thursday 5 th October Thursday 12 th October Thursday 2 nd November Thursday 9 th November Thursday 30 th November	9.15am
Bradley Stoke Community School 01454 868840	Friday 6 th October Friday 3 rd November Wednesday 8 th November Wednesday 22 nd November Monday 4 th December	9am 9am 10am 2pm 10am

Other local schools nearby include Stoke Lodge, Little Stoke, St Chads and St Marys Catholic School.



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AUTUMN TERM (14 weeks)

Term 1:

Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October 2017
weeks

7

Term 2:

Monday 30th October - Friday 15th December 2017
weeks

7

SPRING TERM (11 weeks)

Term 3:

Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 9th February 2018
weeks
(closed Monday 1st January 2018 - Bank Holiday)

6

Term 4:

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd March 2017
weeks

5

SUMMER TERM (11 weeks)

Term 5:

Monday 9th April - Friday 25th May 2017
weeks
(closed Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday)

7

Term 6:

Monday 11th June - Friday 20th July 2017
weeks

6

Please note Pre-school will be closed for two weeks between Terms 5 and 6

Daily essentials to bring to Pre-school

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name

Water bottle – to be placed in box in foyer



Coat suitable for playing outside



Wellington boots in a carrier bag
(we are happy to store these at Pre-school)



Small rucksack with change of clothes to include
pants/nappies and wipes as applicable



Lunch box if staying for lunch – to be placed in bag in foyer

