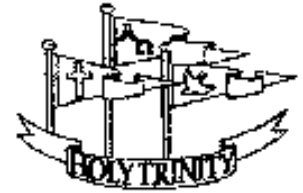




**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
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**NEWSLETTER APRIL 2008**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Pre-school, hope you have all had a good Easter break with your children and looking

**EASTER COMPETITION**

Thank you to all those children who entered our easter egg colouring competition. Along with the coffee morning £27.50 was raised from this. The competition was judged by Ruth, our chairperson and Joseph Bees was the overall winner with Joseph Wilson and Keerthana Gokul as runners up.

**FOCUS FOR THE TERM**

This term our main theme is MESSY PLAY. Children will have the opportunity to explore all sorts of materials and generally be encouraged to get messy. Obviously much of this exploration is with the hands and we will be providing aprons where necessary but please make sure that children do not come in to Pre-school in their best clothes. If you have any concerns about this please see a member of staff.

**OUTDOOR PLAY**

During the next 2 terms we are keen to be outdoors as much as possible (children always have the option to do things inside as well). Last year all the children made hats at Pre-school which were kept with us so that they always had a hat to wear. This year we wish to do this again and have been able to purchase white legionnaire style hats at a reasonable price. The children will have the chance to decorate these in the next week or so. Please could you return the attached slip with £1.50 to help cover this cost – we hope you will agree this is a small price to pay for your child's protection in the sun. We would also like to reiterate that it is important that children wear suitable clothing and footwear – please avoid flip flops, party shoes and strappy tops, also a lightweight jacket or cardigan would be useful as it is sometimes a bit chilly first thing in the morning.

**REQUEST FOR RESOURCES**

Thank you to all who provided grocery boxes and tins last term – we will be using these in our role play shop this term. We now have enough boxes but if anyone has any small unopened tins of food we would still be grateful for these.

We now are happy to accept your empty Washing Powder boxes – All sizes welcome and if possible we would like them taped back up. We will be using these outside for building throughout the spring/summer months so .

Unused Envelopes are always welcome – the sort which usually come with junk mail are ideal (doesn't matter that they have writing on them) – these are used on a daily basis in the mark making area.

**HEALTHY PRE-SCHOOL AWARD**

We are pleased to announce that we have just received a Healthy Pre-school Award from South Gloucestershire Council. To achieve this we had to prove that we met certain criteria or are working towards meeting it. We will be actively seeking to do this over the next year and we hope you will continue to support us in this. One thing we would like to do immediately is stop any sweets coming into Pre-school – in the past children have sometimes brought in sweets on return from holidays or on their birthdays and whilst this is a nice way for the children to share with their friends we would like to consider other ways of doing this.

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

A photographer will be visiting us on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May to take individual photos. If your child does not attend a Friday session and you would like their photo taken or if you would like a photo taken with siblings please see Rachel to arrange a time. The photographs are quite reasonably priced and in the past have been of good quality. As always there is no obligation to buy, you will have a chance to see proofs first.

**BRADLEY STOKE FESTIVAL**

Once again the fundraisers have arranged to have a stall at the Bradley Stoke Festival on Saturday 9 June – please make a note of this date in your diaries and look out on the noticeboard for further details of how you can help in making this stall successful.

**PARENT ROTA**

Many thanks for your continuing support assisting at Pre-school. Your help is valued and can often help to give staff some time out to update children’s files and prepare activities for Pre-school or to cover staff who are on courses. Please sign up on the rota if you are able to help out or let us know if you would like to help in any other way.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

Don’t forget if you need to contact Pre-school during a session or to inform us that your child will not be attending for any reason the number is 07726 952380. We are happy to accept text messages on this number if your message is non urgent and this is more convenient for you.

**PRE-SCHOOL WEBSITE**

As many of you will be aware last year one of our former parents set up our very own website. We are keen to develop this in future and if anyone has any ideas after taking a look please let us know. A copy of the latest newsletter can always be found on the website which we hope you will find useful to refer to should you lose your copy. If you would rather look at the newsletter via the website in future please let us know and we can try to cut down on the amount of paper copies we send out. The website address is [www.trinitypreschoolbradlevstoke.co.uk](http://www.trinitypreschoolbradlevstoke.co.uk)

Please continue to read the noticeboard to find out what is going on at Pre-school on a daily/weekly basis. Also if you want to speak to any of the staff about any concerns or indeed anything at all please do not hesitate to do so.

Rachel, Sue, Ann, Michelle, Sadie, Linda and Lou

Please return the tear off slip with payment for your child's hat as soon as possible  
Many Thanks

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**PURCHASE OF HAT FOR PRE-SCHOOL**

Childs Name.....

Please find enclosed payment of £1.50 for a hat for my child to decorate at Pre-school and keep there to use when required.

Welcome back after the holidays. We have a couple of events planned that we wish to tell you about:

**Cake Bake Thursday 8th May, 1.30pm – 3.00pm**

Join us for coffee and cake or why not buy treats for the kids. Cake contributions would be most welcome. Shop cakes may be given before the day but please could homemade cakes be brought on the day.

**Bradley Stoke Festival Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

We are planning to hold a stall at the festival like the Christmas lucky dip stall. Everyone was most generous donating children's gifts before and we would be grateful for any donations again. A box will be placed in the foyer at the beginning of May for any new children's toys, toiletries, stationary etc.

**Leavers Bears/Chimps**

For those children who will be leaving Preschool this summer, you may wish to buy a souvenir bear or chimp. Further details will be in the foyer towards the end of May.

**Spring Treasure Hunt**

Don't forget to return your completed Treasure Hunt's to Preschool by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All proceeds will go towards Preschool Summer trip.

Please join us if you can at these events. If you would like to help, please see any of the fundraising team, we would be very grateful!