

**Welcome Back Everyone
New School Year 2016-2017**

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer Holiday and enjoyed your break

We would like to Welcome our New Starters,

Katy, Poppy, Lelia Luca, Jayden, Maisie, Stanley, Nancy, and Matthew all starting in September and Elsie who will be with us in October.

We are looking forward to seeing you grow, learn lots of new things , and have lots of fun.

Hello also from Lynsey (Chair of Committee), I hope you are having a wonderful summer holiday. We would like to welcome new members to our committee too; Natalie and Jon Mace (fundraising) as well as Kirsty Rockall (treasurer). Updated details of who is who will be on our notice board and website before term starts. We will be in touch shortly with a start of term meet and greet evening. If you are interested in joining committee or in just helping out informally then let a member of staff team or committee know. Many thanks and enjoy the remainder of the holidays.

Our Term dates this year are – Please note Monday 17th April is a Bank Holiday

TERM 1	5th September 2016 -	21st October 2016
TERM 2	31st October 2016 -	16th December 2016
TERM 3	9th January 2017 -	10th February 2017
TERM 4	20th February 2017 -	31st March 2017
TERM 5	18th April 2017 -	26th May 2017
TERM 6	5th June 2017 -	21st July 2017

You will note that again this year the Christmas holiday is quite long and children with older siblings at Primary will be going back earlier than us, this is because of the funding periods. We can offer to open again like last year on a paying basis if we have enough children booked in.

Please speak to staff on the door or email us

stjohnspreschool-crowborough@hotmail.co.uk

Events for the Autumn will be our traditional Autumn Walk over the forest - If your child is in session you are welcome to come and join us too. **If your child is not in session but would still like to come then parents/carers must accompany them.**

Also our Harvest Festival at the Church – we usually contribute a small donation of food on this occasion for the homeless . Dates and times are yet to be arranged for both of these events – an email will be sent

out confirming both of these shortly. We will also have a poster on our notice board too.

To settle the children in during the first 4 weeks we will be fully staffed and over ratio. The long break even makes a difference to the existing children who sometimes find it difficult to get back into a routine. We are here to help, if any parents have any concerns or questions please talk to us anytime.

Our planning for the first term will be concentrating on the Prime Areas, which are

*Personal, Social and Emotional Development -
Communication and Language -
Physical Development*

Our weekly planning sheet telling you what your children will be doing during session, and the menu for snack, is on the outside notice board for you to view daily.

So don't forget to bring with you

Your purple book bags – *New starters will get theirs on their first day*
A drinks bottle if you want one – *we do supply drinks for the children*
A pair of slippers or pumps to wear indoors – *This helps the children practise putting shoes on and off, and keeps our carpet clean*

Please as a reminder could we ask that you do not put any nut based foods in the children's lunch boxes – *For allergy reasons*

Parents are welcome to come in and spend an hour in session if you would like to- *speak to one of the staff who will be pleased to arrange this.*

Finally we all love TAPESTRY– and we would love you to get involved and fill out the ALL ABOUT ME PAGE . It really helps especially with the new children as we can get to know more about them which helps with them settling in.

TAPESTRY is great for letting us know what your children have been doing, it is a two way communication and we love to hear about achievements at home, Hey I can swim now, Hey I can clean my own teeth - all great steps

In this big learning World so put it on TAPESTRY please

Don't forget we are here to help – please ask..... We also appreciate ideas or suggestions you may have. Do you have any skills you can show the children and teachers let us know.

From the Team - Linda Zena Julie Julie Michelle Lisa