



St John's Pre-school Newsletter – April 2022

Hi All,

We made it! We wanted to say a HUGE thank you for your understanding this month while we've navigated some tricky times with staffing and Covid. We're hoping to be back to normal after the Easter break.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter, please see below for key notices for April.

March Highlights



We've been enjoying celebrating the mother's/grandmothers in our lives with lots of Mother's Day crafting. We hope you loved your little cards, pictures and plant pots.

Although we made the tough decision to cancel our Easter Church service due to Covid the children haven't missed out on a bit of singing and have been busy learning and performing their Easter songs.

We couldn't let Easter pass us by without an Easter egg hunt in the paddock, we've never seen the children move so fast 😊. And to mark Easter the children will have brought home little homemade chick nests and Easter cards.



April Birthdays

A big happy birthday to Anais and Pheonix who turn 3 on 3rd April.

April Plans

We have the lovely Mabel starting pre-school on April 26th as she turns 2. We'll be helping her settle in with lots of fun activities.

This term will focus on helping the school leavers get ready for school – lots of practice both in encouraging independence and helping them learn their letters and numbers.

On that note we wanted to wish all our families with children starting school this year the best of luck on 19th April, we hope you all get places at your favourite Primary.

We'll also be looking to reschedule our Woodland walk for term 5 where we learn a little about the nature on our doorstep in the forest.

Covid Update

Covid caught up with us this month and as a result we had some challenges with staffing. As a quick reminder if your child is displaying Covid symptoms we advise you follow Government guidance on testing and self-isolation to minimise the impact on the wider pre-school community.

Fee Increase

A quick reminder that the new fee structure comes into play on 1st April 2022 in line with Living Wage increases. Full terms and conditions can be found on the website here: <http://stjohns-preschool.co.uk/sessions-and-fees/>

Rebuilding our Playground

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the playground crowdfunding campaign and to all the current, previous and new parents who came to help with the clear up. We raised a fantastic £1,045 to help with the regeneration of the outside space.

We have one final clear up day planned to get the outside area ready for some new fencing and a new Pergola (very kindly built and donated by Jack Brann at Country Oak Barns with materials supplied by local traders merchant BLM).

Date to be confirmed; If you are willing to help, please let us know as we'd love a few extra pairs of hands.



Good Friday Workshop - Church

St John's Church will be holding a good Friday workshop for the kids full of crafting, story time and egg trails. If you're interested in joining please contact Phil Morris at morrip57@gmail.com

Parent Participation – Emergency Services & Grandparent/Parent Reading



EMERGENCY SERVICES/HEALTHCARE SHOW AND TELL

Do any of our amazing parents work in the emergency services & healthcare; fire, police, paramedics, dentist...? Would you be willing to come into preschool in uniform, talk to the children and possibly bring your vehicle/a few props to demonstrate? We've done this in the past and the children have absolutely loved hearing about the work you do and asking lots of questions.

Please let us know if this is something you could help with, the children really do get so much enjoyment and learn so much from interactive sessions.

PARENT/GRANDPARENT READING

Now that things are back to "normal" a little more, we'd love to invite parents and grandparents to pop into the pre-school and read to the kids at Storytime. If you'd like to take part, please let Linda know by dropping her an email.



Fundraising



Easter Fete

Please come and join us for a little Easter Fete this half term. They'll be crafting, easter egg hunts, cake stalls, bric-a-brac and face paints. It's going to be super eggciting!

Bags 2 School

If you have any clothing/shoes/bedding that you're sorting through this half term, we'll be holding a bags 2 school pickup on Thursday 21st April. Please bag up your items in binliners and drop down to the area outside the pre-school for 9am. Every bag will raise much needed funds for the pre-school.

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:



- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

As always, if you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact us on email or phone.

The Pre-School Team

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