



St John's Pre-school Newsletter – October 2021

Hi All

We can't quite believe how quickly these last 4 weeks have gone!!

We have absolutely loved welcoming your children into the preschool again and getting to know all of our new starters. Everyone is now settling well and becoming familiar with the pre-school routines, teachers and surroundings, which is lovely to see.

Please have a read of the below to see what we've been up to this month and what plans are on the horizon for October.

Thank you, once again, for all of your support

September Highlights

The children have had a wonderful time getting their hands dirty and exploring some magical sensory worlds we've created this month, see below for our Pumpkin Patch and Pirate Island activities.



We've also been busy celebrating the birthdays of 5 of our wonderful children, happy birthday guys!





October Plans

We have a couple of our annual events coming up in October that we can't wait to share with your children;

- **Harvest Festival Service – Friday 8th October, 11.30am – 12.00am at St John's Church**
 - Open to parents and young siblings and children not in session on Friday
 - Please ensure adults complete a negative lateral flow before attending
- **Forest Walk - Wednesday 13th October**
 - Please pack wellies and raincoats for the children
 - More details to follow closer to the time

We also can't wait to celebrate the birthdays of Harlow who'll be 3 years old on 11th October and Bodhi who'll be 4 years old on 12th October!

Reminders from the Staff

Morning Drop-off

As you will have seen we are looking at our morning drop-off process to try and make it work better for parents/carers, our children and staff. Please bear with us as we review your survey inputs and put a plan in place to move forward with. We hope to have news of changes in the next couple of weeks and will communicate this with you via email.

In the meantime, please can we ask that you continue using the original process of lining up outside the main gate and communicate anything important to us via email or phone ahead of your arrival to speed up the drop-off process for all parents/carers.

Covid Safety

We are seeing more and more children coming into the pre-school setting with coughs. We appreciate that the common colds are doing the rounds but to ensure our staff and community are safe please can we remind you that if your child has any of the three Covid symptoms to ensure they receive a negative PCR test before returning to pre-school.

October Half Term Dates

Just a quick reminder that the pre-school will be closed for half-term w/c 25th October, returning Monday 1st November. Our term dates for the year can be found on our website at the following link: <http://stjohns-preschool.co.uk/20172018-term-dates/>

Useful Information on Our Website

We will be updating our website regularly to include the weekly lesson plans and snack menus for your child. Hopefully this will be a useful online resource for you to be able to talk to your children about the week ahead from home.

Weekly lesson plan: <http://stjohns-preschool.co.uk/lesson-plan/>

Weekly snack menu: <http://stjohns-preschool.co.uk/this-week/>



Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during our September events, which included the very popular Bake sale (£150.50 raised) and the Virtual Balloon race (£127.38 raised). Our lucky balloon race winners were, 1st Superstar Michael, 2nd The Sherlocks, 3rd The Peers and 4th Nanny T. Both events have raised much needed funds to support our pre-school. We have a few fantastic events coming up in October/November from the fundraising team, please see details below.

Kids Disco - October Half Term



With Strictly back on our sets and party season on the horizon we thought it was only right to have a little dance party of our own. Expect disco lights, glitter tattoos, party games and lots and lots of fun.

Date: Saturday 23rd October (2pm – 4pm)

Location: St John's Church Hall

Price: £5 per pre-school child (includes free entry for one accompanying adult)

Soft drinks and snacks provided

Tickets are limited and go on sale w/c 11th October. A member of the fundraising team will be outside pre-school every morning that week selling tickets so please remember to bring cash.

Spooky Sweet Cones & Pumpkins

Get yourself ready for the spooky season with our yummy sweet cones and ready to carve pumpkins. We'll be sending a slip back in the kids bookbags w/c 11th October asking you if you'd like to reserve either of these, as we have limited stock.

The pumpkins and sweet cones will go on sale Friday 22nd October 3pm outside the pre-school.

Festive Family Photoshoot

If you're thinking ahead and looking for some very special Christmas gifts for the family, why not join us for a festive family photoshoot run by the super talented Madeline Norman of <https://www.madeleinernormanphotography.co.uk/portraits>.



Here's a few of the images from previous photoshoots we've run to give you a flavour of what to expect. We're just finalising dates and we'll be in touch with full details.



If this is of interest to you please let the fundraising team know via email and we'll ensure you have the first options on slots when they become available as they will be limited. Email us at: stjohnspreschool-fundraising@outlook.com

Adults Quiz Night - November

Parents & Carers it's time to get your brains in gear and your glasses at the ready!

Back with a bang is our annual quiz night. A chance to let your hair down, show your competitive side and have a drink with the pre-school community.

Date: Saturday 13th November (7.30 – 11pm)

Location: St John's Church Hall

Price: £5 per person

Snacks and drinks provided.

We'll be selling tickets w/c 1st November. A member of the pre-school fundraising team will be outside the pre-school every day that week so you can pick up a ticket at morning drop-off. We're asking that for every ticket bought you kindly consider donating a bottle of wine/beer/soft drink to help stock the bar for the quiz night.

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

We are so looking forward to sharing some fun events and activities with you and your children over the coming weeks!

The Pre-School Team