



St John's Pre-school Newsletter – July 2022

Hi All,

We're racing towards the end of a positive year at Preschool, excited for the summer break and a bit of reflection of the past year; Covid is now history so to speak and we are nearly back to how we were.

In contrast we're feeling sad as we'll soon be saying goodbye to our lovely leavers; 18 children heading off to 'BIG SCHOOL' for the first time. We're confident they'll all settle into school life and flourish as they move on to the next chapter.

The staff would like to thank the parents for their understanding and compliance with all the changes due to COVID – making our lives a lot easier to get on with enjoying the children and their journeys.,

Parents evenings for all children enabled us to share your children's progress and highlight their achievements or any concerns we may have. Thank you for attending.

Additionally, we'd like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANKYOU for all of the support we've received during this academic year: buying cakes, parties, supporting raffles, Easter fete, garden clear up sessions, fencing....and many more. We couldn't do it without the support of our fabulous parent community.

Finally, we will be returning to our usual visit to the Miniature railway in the grounds of Goldsmiths Leisure centre to end our academic year on a blast. We would love to see you there (see below for more details)

June/ July Highlights

June saw the celebration of the Queens platinum jubilee. At preschool we created some regal role play and small world set ups for the children to explore and enjoy.

A fun afternoon was had by all enjoying a Royal Jubilee party with: party food, face painting, biscuit decorating...



July Focus

This week we will be concentrating on Literacy, the written and spoken words for our last week of development. Then the last week will be fun, fun and more fun.



July Birthdays

A big Happy Birthday to our July children, Freddie 4, Amelia 4, Arlo and Logan 3, Oliver 3, and Sesamee 3.

Sports Day

Wow! What a super sports day, so lovely to see all the children taking part and having fun. Thank you all for coming and showing your support. The children had a super morning and it was great to see a bit of combined competitive spirit in the 'tug of war'.



School Leavers

There are a few things on the horizon for our School Leavers as follows;

- Monday 11th July - **Leavers professional photos** – an email has gone out with details and time slots for Monday. If you would like a parent and child photo, please arrive in time for your child's allocated time slot
- Monday 18th July – **Leavers Party** – **Any leavers not in on a Monday please try and make the party 11.00 – 1.30pm. Please note NO LUNCH boxes will be required that day and that is the same for the younger children who are in session on a Monday.**
- **Leavers Hoodies** – These have now been ordered and we're eagerly awaiting delivery

Parents evening went well, and I do believe all the parents were happy with how their children are progressing, taking their skills learnt at Preschool through to their next adventure at BIG SCHOOL. All the staff wish the children well and we have told them about how much fun they will have come September.

Committee

A reminder that our current committee: Rachel (Chair), Natalie (Treasurer) and Sharon (Secretary) are stepping down as their children move onto school.

Our new Committee team are:

New Chair (September 2022) – Saskia Gunson

New Treasurer (September 2022) – Laura Duncan



New Secretary (September 2022) – Becca Gunn

Whilst we've had one new fundraising volunteer come forward (thank you Merry!) we still need the support of about 5 others to make our vital fundraising programme successful next year. PLEASE consider signing up and supporting the pre-school within this role. You can commit as much, or as little, time as you need and it's a fantastic way to get to know the parents and staff a little better.

Fundraising

Virtual Race Night – Cheese & Wine- **POSTPONED**



Due to poor uptake in tickets we have made the decision to pause this event for the moment and pick this up at the start of the next academic year when we hope there will be better engagement. If you have paid for a ticket and require a refund please get in touch with us at stjohnspreschool-fundraising@outlook.com

Summer Raffle

We'll be having a summer raffle with some great prizes up for grabs! To be in with a chance to win ensure you buy some tickets; tickets will be coming home in bookbags this week and will be on sale at our Crowfest stall on Saturday 16th July.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term- Friday July 22nd.

Here's a sneak preview of some of the great prizes available





Crowfest- Saturday 16th July

We will be running a fundraising stall at Crowfest (held at Goldsmiths) on Saturday 16th July. We will have a lucky dip and some little fete games available to people to take part in for a small donation. Our stall will be live from 12.45 – 5.45. We are hoping that parents/carers might be able to support in running the stall for an hour slot on the day (in pairs). If you'd be kind enough to help please drop us an email at stjohnspreschool-fundraising@outlook.com or sign up via the sign-up sheet outside pre-school .

Donations for the lucky dip

If you have any small sweet packs or leftover party bag fillers we be really grateful for donations for the lucky dip stall. There'll be a donation box outside pre-school for you to pop them in.

Miniature Railway- Friday 22nd July

Your family is invited to a special opening of the miniature railway in Crowborough



Time: 3.15pm – 5.15pm

Location: Miniature railway, opposite Goldsmith's car park

What to expect: for a small donation to the miniature railway volunteers you and your child will be able to ride the miniature trains around the track and picnic with friends.

Any food or drink supplied? We'll be making little picnic bags that will be available to purchase on the day for £3. Ice creams/lollies will also be on sale for £1. All donations will go towards the running of the preschool.

We hope you can all make it; it'll be a fun ride!

Wishing you all a wonderful and sunny summer break with friends and family. We look forward to seeing those of you who will be returning in September and warmly welcoming our new starters.

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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