St John's Preschool Newsletter – November 2023

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful half term holiday despite the wet weather and got to enjoy some autumn fun.

Thank you SO much to those of you who donated, helped on the stall and bought things at our Halloween Bake Sale. We raised just **over £240** which is going to go towards improving the outside area of the preschool.
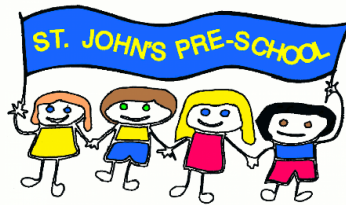

Harvest Festival was so lovely, the children did amazingly well performing their songs and Miss Cook led the whole thing beautifully. Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Crowborough Food Bank and attended the service.

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We've got lots planned over the next couple of months in the lead up to winter and Christmas. Development areas this month are Communication and Language - Speaking, Listening and Understanding; Literacy - Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing, and Maths - Numbers.

We will be welcoming two new starters, Albert and Nancy, and celebrating the birthday of Johannes who will be turning 4!

The children will be starting their Nativity practice this week! The show this year is 'A Little Nativity'. This is a traditional show and we will send round the casting sheet for this shortly so that you know what part your child has in the show. The date for your diary is **Tuesday 12th December at 11:30am** at St John's Church. Please come along and bring your friends and family.

Christmas cards - Each year the children make a set of 5 cards, they will be on sale to parents for £6.50. We'll be getting started on these this month so they are ready for you to send to your loved ones in time for Christmas.

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT at the Rose of Bengal - Tuesday 14th November 7pm - 10pm
Tickets are £25 per person including a buffet curry and it promises to be a fun filled evening and a great opportunity to meet other parents. Max 6 people per team, but there are lots of us coming without a team organised so please come along and we can set you up with others.

Scavenger Hunt
From Monday 20th November there will be a Christmas themed scavenger hunt in and around preschool grounds. A pack including a scavenger hunt map and a sweet treat can be purchased for £2, and when children have completed the hunt please return the sheet to the preschool to be entered into a prize draw (return by 1st Dec).
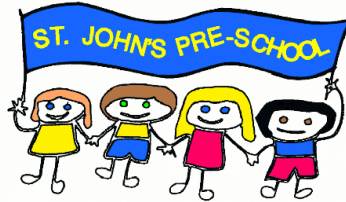
Christmas Raffle
We have been contacting local businesses to ask for raffle prizes - if anyone can help us by calling into some local businesses or has connections to ask for prizes we would be very grateful.

Additional Hours

We have several ad hoc spaces available. If you have an appointment, need to do some Christmas shopping or just want a bit of quiet please speak to Linda to sign your child up. We have Monday, Wednesday and Thursday all day, Tuesday 12-3 and Friday 9-12 OR 1-3.

Fundraising

Want to get involved with preschool life a little more? We need help with fundraising! You can commit as much, or as little, time as you are able to. This month we will need volunteers to set up and take part in the quiz night, and in December we have some lovely Christmassy plans. Fundraising is a VITAL part of being able to keep the preschool running, so if you are interested, please speak to one of us or send us an email to committee@stjohns-preschool.co.uk

Communication

We have set up a WhatsApp group to share updates and information from the staff and committee, including weekly plans and snack menus. If you would like to be a part of this, please send your mobile number to committee@stjohns-preschool.co.uk

As always please get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions,

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