



St John's Preschool Newsletter – February 2023

We've made it through the seemingly longest month of the year!

We hope your children are all settling back in after the Christmas break, we've had a really wonderful month getting back into the swing of things and getting to know the new children. Thank you to everyone for being so understanding when we had to close a couple of weeks ago, the bugs have been rife but we hope we're on to the warmer, healthier months!

A reminder that half term is w/c 12th Feb, so our last day is Friday 9th and we will welcome the children back on Monday 19th.

We hope Ethan & Teddy had wonderful 3rd birthdays last month. This month we will be celebrating Luka turning 4 and Mo turning 3. Happy Birthday everyone!

Here are some of the amazing tuft trays the children got to play with last month.



Welcome

We'd like to welcome two new members of the Committee - Jerry Lamb who will be taking on the Treasurer role and Denise Baker. They are both grandparents of the children and come with a wealth of experience, Denise having managed a preschool herself before retirement and Jerry is a qualified accountant. We are really looking forward to working with them and hearing their ideas.

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Help required

Might anyone have a spare hour or two a week to look into funding and grants the preschool would be entitled to? We would love to be able to get some more help with this as the current committee just doesn't have the time.

Staffing

We have been continuing the recruitment process and have had some really positive applicants; we hope to be able to give you more information very soon but we are very excited for the future of the preschool.

Fundraising and improvements

As you will hopefully know, we had a really successful month of fundraising in December.

We will be putting that money to use and doing some improvements. We will be installing an outdoor sink (with warm water), getting new curtains and storage for the inside of the preschool intending to create more floor space and hoping to do some more garden sorting. We also need to install 2 new radiators in the bathroom as they have gotten extremely rusty. A couple of the sheds have needed fixing and in the coming months we will start the winter clearance and brighten everything up for spring!

Please, if you have any time to spare over the Easter holidays consider joining us to do a proper clear up from the winter leaves and mud. We will pose some dates closer to the time.

This month is our Smartie Challenge - please see the poster for more info.



Planning for this month

This week we have started looking towards spring, making daffodils and sheep and playing with spring colours. This month is Chinese New Year, Valentines Day and Pancake Day so the children will be doing some themed activities. The development areas are Being Imaginative and Expressive, Building Relationships, Managing Self Expression and Gross Motor Skills.

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Notices from preschool

Please could we ask that children come with mittens rather than gloves to preschool, and shoes with velcro rather than laces. We encourage the children to put their clothes on themselves and this aids with that, as well as saving time when we are getting everyone ready to go in the garden.

Additional Hours

We have several ad hoc spaces available. Please speak to Linda to sign your child up.

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

A reminder of our term dates for the remainder of this year

TERM 3 Monday 8th January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024

TERM 4 Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024*

TERM 5 Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

TERM 6 Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024

**Note Friday 29th March is Good Friday and therefore the pre school will be closed*

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

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