



Sarah Greenslade, Committee Chair

### Committee News

A big welcome to all our new and returning families. Easter has gone in a flash and many Comeytrove Under Fives children are now entering their final term with us. The countdown to school can be a really exciting and nervous time for children and parents alike! We are looking forward to supporting the children's independence to grow through lots of fun activities, as well as a number of visits to Bishop Henderson School, to learn about school and the school routine.

For those of children who will be staying on, remember to let us know about your preferred hours from September.

Best wishes Sarah

### 30 Hours codes

The deadline for families to obtain their 30-hour codes for the Autumn term is 31<sup>st</sup> August. Please note that codes issued after this date will not be valid until the Autumn term. To find out whether you are eligible, or to renew your code please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



Please Label all items brought to Preschool  
<https://www.nameitlabels.co.uk/>



### Dates for your diary

- 1st May:** Bank Holiday (Preschool CLOSED)
- 4th May:** Elections in Hall (Preschool CLOSED)
- 4th May:** Summer Trip to Puxton Park
- 8th May:** Bank Holiday (Preschool CLOSED)
- 29th May - 2nd June:** Half Term
- 6th July:** School Leavers Graduation
- 13th July:** School Leavers Graduation
- 21st July:** End of Summer Term

### Weekly Preschool Activities

**Muddy Mondays:** Exciting forest school session. Please pack warm clothes, wellies, and waterproofs for your child as we often get muddy!

**Tuneful Tuesdays:** Music Bugs visit us on Tuesday mornings providing sensory, play-based music and singing sessions, with lots of colourful props!

**Workout Wednesdays:** James the Sports Coach visits us on a Wednesday morning to get us moving with fun activities to help us stay fit and healthy!

**Midweek Music:** Music Bugs visit us for a Wednesday afternoon session (see also Tuneful Tuesdays).

**Tasty Thursdays:** On Thursdays, the Bears will be making tasty, healthy snacks with a wide variety of ingredients from the Fareshare Go Scheme.

**Fitness Fridays:** James the Sports Coach visits us on a Friday morning to get us moving with fun activities to help us stay fit and healthy!





## Reminders!

### Puxton Park Trip

On 4th May the Preschool Hall will be used for the elections. We will be going on our annual Preschool Trip to Puxton Park. If you have booked your space on this trip, please meet at Preschool at 9am - **the coach will leave promptly at 9.15am**

**Preschool will be CLOSED all day.**

### September bookings

We will shortly send out a forms survey asking parents/carers to confirm the sessions you would like from September. Our existing parents will be given priority, and sessions will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

### Nappies, Wipes and Nappy sacks

We would like to remind you that if your child wears nappies, please ensure you provide sufficient nappies, wipes, and nappy sacks in your child's bag. **If your child no longer wears nappies, please still provide wipes and nappy sacks for any accidents.**

### Drop Off and Collection Times

Your drop off times are:

**8:30am, 9am, 12pm and 1pm.**

Your collection times are:

**12pm, 1pm, 3:30pm and 4pm.**

Please ensure you stick to these times, as dropping off/collecting at other times can be unsettling for our children. Thank you for your understanding.

### Lunch boxes

A reminder to please **halve all cherry tomatoes and grapes lengthways**. Doing this dramatically reduces the risk of choking.

### Bears PE Kits

A reminder for the children who are going to school in September to **come to preschool dressed in their PE Kits on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (and bring a change of clothes in the named drawstring bag, which went home before Easter)** This term we will start practicing getting changed, ready for school!

### DAP Bags for School Leavers

Your child will soon be drawing a self-portrait which we can have printed onto a dap bag available to buy. Look out for their masterpieces on Tapestry soon!



### Bears Graduations

We will be holding our graduation ceremonies on Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July for our school leavers. More details to follow later in the term.

### Visits to Bishop Henderson

This term we will start taking small groups of Bears to visit the reception classes at Bishop Henderson on a Tuesday afternoon. If your child doesn't attend preschool on a Tuesday and has been allocated a place at Bishop Henderson, we will contact you to hopefully arrange for them to accompany us on one of our visits. Other local schools have their own induction processes.

### School Leavers Parent Meetings

We will be holding Parent/Carer meetings for our school leavers in May. Please look for out for an email coming soon with further information.