



Sarah Greenslade, Committee Chair

Committee News

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome to our new and returning families. I hope you all had a peaceful, restful break.

Last term the children were very busy with lots of lovely activities. They had a wonderful time performing their "Wriggly Nativity". It was fantastic to be able to invite so many parents/carers to watch, we hope you enjoyed it! The Christmas party was a huge success, with a visit from Malcolm the Magician and an appearance from Santa with his Elf, Amy. As you will read in this newsletter, our Christmas raffle was extremely successful. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Best wishes Sarah



30 Hours codes

The deadline for families to obtain their 30-hour codes for the Summer term is 31st March. 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

The Expanded Childcare Offer

From April 2024 working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of funded childcare per week for 38 weeks a year (a maximum of 570 hours per year). If applicable, once you have received your code for the new Expanded funding (link above) please contact us for the next steps. You will need to have obtained your code by 31st March 2024.

Dates for your diary

15th January: School Application Deadline

8th February: Coffee Morning

12th - 16th February: Half Term

7th March: World Book Day

28th March: Spring Term Ends

15th April: Summer Term Begins

2nd May: Elections in Hall (Preschool CLOSED)

2nd May: Summer Trip to Puxton Park

6th May: Bank Holiday (Preschool CLOSED)

27th - 31st May: Half 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!

Tasty Thursdays: On Thursdays, a small group of children will be making tasty, healthy snacks with a wide variety of ingredients from the Fareshare Go Scheme on a rota basis.

Tuneful Thursdays: Music Bugs visit us for an afternoon session. (see also Tuneful Tuesdays).

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!



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Reminders!

September 2024 School Admissions

The online portal is open for September 2024 Applications. **The deadline is 15th January 2024**
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>



Nuts Free Preschool (including Nutella)

Please note that we are a **NUT FREE** preschool as we have children with severe nut allergies.

Lunch boxes A reminder to please **halve all cherry tomatoes and grapes lengthways**. Doing this dramatically reduces the risk of choking. Also, please do not include any sweets/whole chocolate bars in your child's lunch box. Thank you for your support.

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.**

Warm Clothes and Coats

Please continue to send your child to preschool with plenty of weather appropriate, warm clothes. We like to spend lots of time outside!
Please Label all items brought to Preschool
<https://www.nameitlabels.co.uk/>

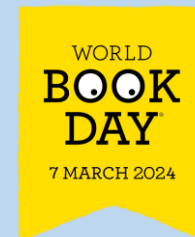


Fantastic Fundraising!

Our Christmas raffle raised a fabulous £527 to go towards our Summer trip (more details to follow). We are truly grateful to the many local businesses and individuals who provided us with prizes for the raffle. Thank you so much to Marcia Penfold, our Committee Fundraising Lead, for organising such a successful event.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. We are inviting the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book if they would like to.



Tapestry Online Learning Journal

Tapestry builds a very special record of a child's experiences, development and learning journey at Preschool. The communication between staff and parents that Tapestry enables, helps build a shared understanding of how every child can reach their full potential. Parents are encouraged to contribute to this growing journal by commenting on the journal entries, or even adding your own. Let your child's Key Person know what your child loves doing at home by sending photos and videos back, helping them understand their development at home. **Please ensure you check your Tapestry account regularly as this will be our main method of communication with you (including invoices).**

