

# Sutton-on-the-Hill Pre-School



## September Newsletter

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*Dear Pre-School Families,*

Welcome everyone to the new Pre-School year and an especially warm welcome to all the children and families starting at Sutton this term. It is lovely to have you with us.

### Topic this half term is All about me

This half term we are learning about ourselves and where we live. Each week we are touching on a different subject. Talk to your child about these themes every week to reinforce what they are learning.

- Week 1** Who am I?
- Week 2** My Family
- Week 3** Where I live
- Week 4** Harvest festival
- Week 5** Our pets (tied into national animal week)
- Week 6** Looking after ourselves
- Week 7** What I like/dislike (food, toys etc)
- Week 8** When I grow up I would like to be...(Cooking week)

### Parent and Committee meeting

We would like to invite all parents to our Committee and Fundraising meetings. Preschool is a charity run by a Committee of parent volunteers. To keep our doors open we need at least 5 members, voted in our AGM in July. The current Committee is composed of:

Chair: Johann Crisp  
Secretary: Patricia Malcolm-Tompkins  
Treasurer: Jackie Griffiths  
Fundraising Coordinator: Sophie Bentley  
2 parent members: Katy Pykett and Maegan Hill

The Committee is very busy making sure that we are ready for our next OFSTED inspection (soon to arrive), that we are legally compliant, etc. But we still need your input and help, especially with our fundraising events. Our main fundraising event of the year, where we see around 200 people coming through our doors is coming soon; and the current Committee that also has the responsibilities just explained are being spread too thin. SO PLEASE PLEASE....WE NEED MORE PARENTS HELP.

Any parent/grandparent/carer can come to the meetings and have their say. Our first Fundraising meeting is on **Sunday 30th September at 2.00 pm, The Holly Bush, Church Broughton**. We would like to encourage dads, mums, etc., to come. We especially would like to see some dads that like Fireworks!!!

### Upcoming Events

**Fundraising meeting**  
Sun 30th Sept 2.00pm, Holly Bush, Church Broughton

**Half term**  
From Mon 29th Oct till Friday 2nd Nov

**Fireworks Night**  
Sunday 4th November

## Fireworks Night - Sunday 4th November

Please add to your diaries Sunday 4th November for Pre-School's Firework Display, our main fundraiser of the year. Hot dogs and drinks will be available, along with a cake stall, a few games and raffle and a fantastic firework display.

How can you help: We are still looking for raffle prizes, there are many companies that have community funds and are happy to donate to charities like ours, so please check in your workplace. You can also contact local businesses and donate items for a luxury hamper. Please come along to our meeting.

## Changes from last year

There have been a few changes since last year. We now open 9.00am-3.00 pm (Mon-Tue-Thu) and 9.00am-12.00pm (Wed-Fri). All children can attend these sessions. On Mon-Tue-Thu if your child only comes in the morning (9.00am-12.00pm), you have the option to stay an extra hour in our lunch club (12.00-1.00pm) at the cost of £4. Our fees are £13 for a 3 hour session. Forest school sessions will be run almost every day, this depends of when Jan (our Forest School Leader) is at Preschool. Please bring your wellies, extra clothes in case they need changing, warm jumper. We provide all children with waterproof coats and trousers.

## Finances and advertising

We currently have about 15 children at Preschool and we have had a low intake of children for the last couple of years, which meant that we have been at a loss financially. The Committee has met and decided that we will be asking parents a contribution of £1 for our music lessons on a Tuesday that are led by a Montessori Teacher, Tina. The children love these sessions and we would still like to offer them.

We are also making fliers and posters to try to encourage more children to enrol in our fabulous Preschool. We will need your help to distributed these in Mickleover, Hatton, Hilton; and around the villages. You can also help by liking and sharing our Facebook and Google pages. Please review us also!!

## Facebook page

We need a parent that can take on the task of loading content in our Facebook page. This is currently done by our Treasurer but we need to spread the load. Is there a parent that loves social media and would like to help us with this? Please see Jackie who comes on a Thursday or talk to Jan or Mandy.

Make sure that you look at our website for further dates and information. You will received our Welcome Pack soon!!!

*Pre-School Staff and Committee*

