

SUTTON ON THE HILL



Preschool



Newsletter

SUMMER 2021

Dear Pre-School Families

From the Manager I'd like to thank all the families of Pre-School for your support and commitment to what has been quite a challenging process over the past year. I'm looking forward to September and hopefully we'll be getting back to something that resembles normal. We're excited to welcome parents back into Pre-School when the restrictions are completely lifted. We are optimistic that we'll have an end of year celebration where we can say goodbye to our leavers with a party (detailsTBC) - Veronica.

Facebook reviews Please remember to like our posts and to leave your reviews on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SuttonHill.P/>

School Readiness & Transitions In readiness for the older children's transition to their next educational step we will be working on independence in the forthcoming terms. For example, dressing and independent self care, etc.

Leavers Finally, we would like to say a fond farewell to all our four yearolds who will be moving on to school in September. We will miss you all, but wish you all a wonderful and exciting time as you start school and hope that you'll come back to see us when you can! Have a great Summer break!!

Parent Consultations These are due to take place during the w/c 5th July. Weather permitting, these will be face-to-face outdoor meetings or, alternatively, telephone conversations. Please book a slot with your child's key person: Veronica is available all week; Margot is available all week, apart from Thursday afternoon; and Rachel is available all day Tuesday and Thursday, and Wednesday morning.

Pre-School Photographs The photographer will be in from 9 o'clock on Tuesday 13th July.

New Resources We have been very lucky this term to have received some lovely new resources from our recent fundraising efforts, despite COVID. These have helped to fill a gap in our small world/role play/loose parts collection with fish, nets and steering wheels. The colourful potion bottles are a real hit in the mud kitchen and the word fans offer literacy support for construction, natural and loose part play. Some gorgeous wooden number trays have given our mathematical provision a real boost. Pictures can be found on our 14th June Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/SuttonHill.P/> Please note, these have all been paid for by money raised from our Go Fund Me page – thanks to everyone who donated!

Parent Consultations W/C 5th July

Please contact your child's Key worker to arrange a suitable time.

Pre-School Photographs Tuesday 13th July

Please contact us if you would like to book a slot but your child does not attend on this day.

AGM

Thursday 8th July

Time to vote in the new Committee!

Summer Fair Saturday 17th July

The Big Event – put this in your diary now! (with COVID restrictions)

Term Focus With new changes to the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) coming into effect in September, we will be using the coming term to focus on health and well-being; we'll be looking at things like healthy nutritious food, independent self-care, physical activity, mental wellbeing and oral health. Information on these subjects can be on our website, Facebook page and emailed out to parents as well so you can help us promote a balanced healthy lifestyle!

From the Committee As Veronica implied above, this past year has certainly been out of the ordinary. For those of you who have been new to Pre-School since COVID hit, we traditionally sent out a Newsletter every term. We are now keen to get back to that routine, amongst so many others. We only have a few weeks left of the 2020-21 academic year but, after a very long break from events and activities, we are very excited to start to introduce these back again. Please see below for details.

AGM We are delighted that so many new parents have expressed an interest in Committee roles for the 2021-22 academic year. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 8th July at 8pm via Zoom when current Committee members will formally step down and new Committee members will be voted in. Please do join us for this (Zoom login details will be sent out via email).

Summer Fair Stop Press!!! Yes, it's finally here, on Saturday 17th July from 2pm - 4pm! Our long awaited first social and fundraising event since the beginning of the COVID Pandemic! We are planning a traditional village Pre-School Fair, complete with glitter tattoos, Hook-a-Duck, Beat the Goalie, a second hand Toy Stall, Tombola, Handmade Cakes, Krispy Kreme Donuts and refreshments. Please look out for details via email on how to donate prizes/second hand toys and, most importantly, put the date in your diary to come along and support us, restrictions allowing (Current restrictions are 30, not including volunteers & under 5's, at any one time with a "one-in-one-out" system so you may need to be prepared to queue). If you would like to volunteer to help on a stall, please contact Jo Crisp on suttononthehillchair@gmail.com.

Tax Free Childcare Please be aware that you can use the Government's Tax Free childcare scheme to contribute towards Pre-School fees. Please see their website for details/to register <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> and contact our Treasurer, Catherine Bridge, on suttononthehilltreasurer@gmail.com to discuss further.

Match Funding Many companies and organisations will match funds raised by a charity (up to a max. amount) if one of their employees has a connection. Please consider checking with your employer to see if they participate in this scheme. In the past 2 years, we have been lucky enough to have had 2 donations from HSBC totalling £1500, which makes a huge difference for an organisation like ours.

Amazon Smile Please consider signing up to support the Pre-School on Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/about/> They will donate a certain percentage to your chosen charity every time you make a purchase through them. It costs you nothing and none of your shopping details are shared with us. It's such an easy way to raise money with the click of a button!

Many Thanks
Pre-School Staff & Committee



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