

St Helen's Pre-School

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The children have very much enjoyed playing in the snow on those days when it was possible for us to open. During Forest school sessions we have even continued to enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits in the snow. We now have waterproof trousers and jackets for the children to wear during these sessions, allowing them to explore snow, mud and rain more easily.

Parents are again reminded that children have free access to the garden throughout pre-school sessions and need to be warmly dressed for both indoors and outdoors at pre-school.

Children who come to pre-school in wellies are welcome to bring non slip slippers to change into as an alternative to shoes.

Drop off and Pick up

With the greater number of children now attending pre-school has come considerable congestion at dropping off and picking up times and so we have decided to try signing children in and out at the front door instead of the back door. The garden will be available for parents and children to wait until the front door is open. As children will be able to sort out coats and boots in the cloakroom we anticipate that most children will not need to be accompanied into the hall. This should result in a calmer and quieter atmosphere in the hall for the children.

WOW Stars

We are continuing to use WOW stars to help children record their personal achievements, both at home and at pre-school. Children enjoy sharing these with the group before sticking them into their diaries. Wow stars are available on the table in the hall; you should use these to record any achievements from home that you and your child are proud of. There are also two stars attached to this newsletter.

Getting Involved

As always we welcome parents/carers contributions to pre-school, please let us know if you would like to take part in a session as a parent helper or if you would like to share something interesting with the children for a few minutes at the start or end of a session and we will arrange a suitable date.

Parent/keyworker meetings

These will be held in the week beginning February 8th. You will receive a letter from your child's keyworker offering you an appointment time.

Inset Days

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February will be inset days, pre-school will not be open on these days.

Snow Closure Days

As you are aware it has been necessary to close pre-school for three days during the recent extreme weather conditions, unfortunately as all the running costs still have to be met for these days parents will be invoiced for these sessions as usual.

St Helen's Pre-school Fundraising Web Shop

The web shop works on commission and allows you to buy from a huge list of retailers, including Amazon, M&S and John Lewis, the more people who use it, the more money we will raise for pre-school. www.buy.at/sthelenspreschool

If you have any questions about how to use the Web Shop please email phil@littlepossums.co.uk

Pre-school Clothing

If you would like to order further garments please complete the attached order -form and give to Yvonne, with a cheque, made payable to St Helen's preschool.

Tricia

All one size (3-4yrs)

Child's name:	Quantity	Total
Polo shirt	£7.50	
Sweatshirt	£10.50	
Padded fleece	£19.50	
Total made payable to 'St Helen's Preschool':		

