

St Helen's Preschool Little Stars



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Additional sessions from Easter 2011

We have been able to allocate additional sessions to all those who requested them following the February newsletter.

Payment

Invoices for next term will be with you shortly. Please note the last date for payments is before the Easter holidays begin! Payment by this date is the only way to guarantee your child's place at the preschool for next term. We hope you understand why we have to operate this way.

Our preferred method of payment is directly into the preschool bank account, which is easy if you bank online. You will find the necessary account numbers on your invoice. Payment this way is quick and makes life easier for our voluntary treasurer! If you are unable to pay this way then please write a cheque for your invoice. We would prefer not to receive cash payments if possible.

Early Years Foundation Stage

For any parents wishing to know more about The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum guidance that we follow at pre-school please note that the document is available to download at www.teachernet.gov.uk/publications.

Message from the committee

Please continue using the red box in the hall for all correspondence with the committee. This includes all invoice payments, expenses claims, new ideas and feedback.

A slight change to procedure is, if you have posted payments, the treasurer will now write a receipt for you. The preschool staff will pass this to you at the end of a session. Thank you for your patience as we find the best to manage payments.

Committee

As ever our dedicated committee of parents and carers has been working hard to support and develop the pre-school. Several braved below freezing temperatures in December to help the Round Table with Santa's sleigh as it toured the neighbourhood, for which the Round Table has donated £60 to pre-school funds. This year the pre-school committee AGM will take place in July, any parents or carers who would like to know more about the work of the committee, with a view to joining from July, should speak to a committee member. Jo (Rhonaugh's mum) and

Donna (Jamie's mum) are our chairpersons or Tricia can direct you to the other committee members.

Remember that pre-school is a committee run setting, without a committee we cannot have a pre-school.

Term Dates

The last day of this term will be Friday 8th April; next term will begin on Tuesday 26th April.

Friday 29th April and Monday 2nd May are bank holidays; pre-school will be closed on these dates.

On Thursday 5th May Jubilee Hall will be used for the local elections, unfortunately we will have to close pre-school on this day as we are not allowed to use the premises while voting is taking place.

Lunch Clubs

The children staying for lunch clubs are continuing to enjoy their cheese tasting, Red Leicester has proved popular.

Crisps, chocolate and sweets are not permitted at pre-school. These do occasionally still appear in children's lunch boxes and it can be quite upsetting for the child when they are not allowed to eat these.

Parents are reminded of the need to inform pre-school, in writing, of any allergies etc.

WOW Stars

Children love to bring WOW stars from home to share their achievements with their friends. We read these out to the group and then the children stick them into their books. Stars are available on the table in the entrance hall.

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 sthelenspreschool@googlemail.com

Tricia