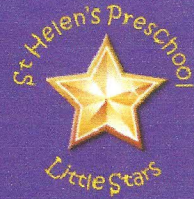


St Helen's Pre-School Little Stars



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Newsletter September 2011

Welcome back to another busy year at pre-school.

Please continue to send in fruit/vegetables for the children to share during the morning, alternatively small financial contributions can be put into the Winnie-the-pooh money box on the hall table.

At pre-school the children are able to play in the garden for most of each session, all year round. Please make sure that your child has a pair of wellies in pre-school, clearly labelled with their name. Wellies are not very warm and so it would be a good idea to put an extra pair of, warm, socks in their wellies as the weather becomes colder. A warm hat is also a good idea. On Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings the children take part in forest school sessions and are outdoors for most of the session.

Parents are reminded that the ethos of St Helen's Pre-school is that children should be able to enjoy and learn from the outdoor environment in all seasons, therefore children need to be warmly dressed. We are also required, by the terms of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, to offer free flow access indoors and outdoors throughout most of the session. If we do not offer the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum we will not be able to take the Nursery Education Grant. The Early Years Foundation Stage document is available to download at www.teachernet.gov.uk/publications.

Packed Lunches

Parents are reminded that Pre-school has worked hard to achieve a Healthy Pre-school Award for the last few years and parents are requested to support this by sending healthy packed lunches when children stay for lunch. Please do not add crisps, chocolate, sweets or sugary drinks to your child's lunch box as these are not consumed at pre-school.

Payment

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.

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.

Term dates from September 2011

Please note that we will close for two weeks in October/November half term.

Term 1: Monday 5th September 2011 – Friday 21st October 2011

Term 2: Monday 7th November 2011 – Friday 16th December 2011

Term 3: Tuesday 3rd January 2012 – Friday 10th February 2012

Term 4: Monday 20th February 2012 – Friday 30th March 2012

Term 5: Monday 16th April 2012 – Friday 1st June 2012

Term 6: Monday 11th June 2012 – Thursday 19th July 2012

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 **WOW Stars**

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