



# Newsletter

October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! We would like to say a special welcome to our new families and also to Ines who returned to pre-school after her maternity leave.

We try to send out newsletters each half term but also please check our Facebook page and website for updates on what we have been doing and messages. We will also email anything urgent so please make sure you add us to your safe list so that our messages don't go into your junk folders. Please can we also ask you to label your children's belongings.

## Our Themes

Our themes this half term are All About Me, Autumn and Harvest, Pirates and Diwali. We have had lots of fun learning about ourselves and made paper plate faces, looking at our features. We also made faces for our teachers which are on the notice board in the entrance. We have been playing in our Baker's Shop role play area and making Autumn suncatchers, conker rolling pictures and baking bread. We have read the story of The Little Red Hen and sung some Autumn songs such as 'Conkers,' 'Harvest Samba' and 'Big Red Combine Harvester.' Please check our Blog and Facebook page for photos.

## Harvest

Thank you very much for the contributions to our Harvest collection which we took to St Mary's Church, Apsley. The proceeds went to the 'Full of Beans' charity to help people in the Philippines and to DENS, our local homeless charity. This was a good opportunity to talk to the children about how we can help people who are less fortunate than us.

## Photographs

On Wednesday 4th October Sam from Baylei Photography will be coming to take photographs of the children. Sam takes her photos outside and her pictures are beautiful. We choose this time of year for her to come in as the Autumn colours are so lovely. If your child does not normally attend pre-school on a Wednesday and you would like to come along then please let us know as soon as possible so that we can add you to the list and give you a time slot.

## Dressing Up Day

On Tuesday 10th October we will be having a Pirates and Princesses Dressing Up Day to raise money for a new toy garage for the preschool children. Please bring a £1 contribution.

## Lunch Club

Our lunch club runs on Monday-Thursday from 12.15-12.55pm. The cost is £2 per session, payable on the day and we ask children to bring a healthy packed lunch.

## Absences

It really helps us if you can let us know if your child is going to be absent from pre-school either by phone or text message. We appreciate this can sometimes be difficult but it helps us to plan our sessions if we know who is going to be in and out. Thank you!

## Below are our diary dates for the next few months:

### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 September - School closed for INSET  
Tuesday 5 September - Tuesday 19 December  
Half Term Monday 23 - Friday 27 October  
Wednesday 4th October - Baylei Photography in to do individual photographs  
Tuesday 10th October - Pirates and Princesses Dressing Up Day (£1 contribution)  
Tuesday 19th December - Leaver's Celebrations and Nativity Play  
Wednesday 20th December - Parent Consultation/Registration Morning (school closed for children)

### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3 January - Thursday 29 March  
Half Term Monday 12 - Friday 16 February  
Monday 16th April - School closed for INSET

### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April - Tuesday 24 July  
Half Term Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June  
Monday 4 June - School closed for INSET

Thank you for your continued support.  
The Apsley Lock Pre-School Team

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