



## APSLEY PRE SCHOOL NEWS LETTER OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for your generous contribution to the Harvest collection. St Mary's Church was very grateful for our donation and we have put pictures on our website of our display.

### **Staff**

We have a number of staffing changes over the next few weeks due to Lucy and Ines's Maternity Leave overlapping. Ines will be leaving us temporarily to have her baby at half term. Lucy will continue to be in and out, working behind the scenes! She will return to pre-school in January. In the meantime, we would like to welcome Mel to our team. Mel is a qualified teacher who is helping us on Wednesdays. We have also employed Nicola to start on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Nicola joins us from a local special school. We are sure you will join us in making them welcome.

### **Dressing up day**

A reminder that Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October is our dressing up day. Your child (and you?) can come to Pre School dressed in their favourite dressing up outfit, we will have some fun activities on this day and we would appreciate a minimum donation of £1. This money will be used towards Christmas resources. Many thanks in advance.

### **Website**

Lucy has recently updated the website to include all the latest themes and activities for you to see what we have been up to. There are some lovely photographs in the 'Blog' section so please do check regularly. Our planning section has also been updated so you can see what is coming up this term, which books we are doing with the children and the sounds of the week. We have lots of lovely activities planned between now and the end of term.

### **Christmas**

Sorry to start early but we have got lots of plans for Christmas (not that long now!) If anybody has any dressing up Santa or elf costumes which they would like to donate to our Christmas role play area we would be

very grateful. We also have plans for a Christmas show - details to follow!

### **Lunch Club reminder**

Don't forget Lunch Club runs on Monday-Thursday until 12.55pm. This is a great opportunity for the children to socialise with their friends and learn about eating together. The cost is £2 and children are asked to bring in a named lunch bag and drink with a healthy lunch and small treat.

### **Fundraising**

We have registered the preschool with easyFundraising, which means that every time you buy something online from over 3,000 retailers, you could help raise funds for the preschool - without it costing you a penny. Some of the retailers include Amazon, eBay, Sainsburys and Argos. It is easy to register and all of the money will be used towards resources for the children. Please see the 'Parents' section of the website for more details.

### **Safeguarding**

We would like to remind you that we take Safeguarding very seriously at Apsley Lock Pre-School. Please can we ask that you familiarise yourself with our Safeguarding policy and our other policies and procedures which are on our website. We also have copies available in a folder in the Pre-School entrance. If you have any concerns about any safeguarding issues, then please speak to Lucy or Jacquie who are our Designated Safeguarding Leaders.

Many thanks.

The Apsley Lock Pre-School Team

Useful dates:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Closed for half term**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Closed for Christmas. (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - INSET Day - Pre-school re-opens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January)**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - End of term celebrations at 11am

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December Parents Consultations