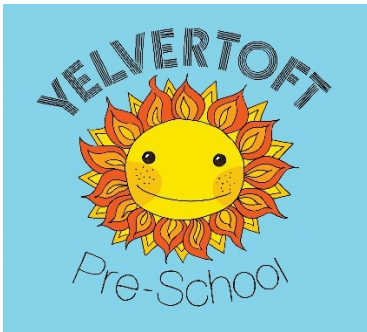


# PRE-SCHOOL PRESS...



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Northampton  
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Monday: 9am till 3pm  
Tuesday: 9am till 3pm  
Wednesday 9am till 1pm  
Thursday: 9am till 1pm  
Friday: 9am till 3pm

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## Dates for the diary:

### 31st October

Term Begins

### 2nd December

Wreath Making Event

### 15th December

Pre-School Christmas Concert

### 20th December

Term Ends

### 4th January

Term Begins



## Committee Meeting

Your Pre-School Committee meet on a monthly basis, our next meeting being:

**8pm on 14th November 2017,  
at the Knightly Arms, Velvertoft.**

Should you wish to raise any points at the meeting, please speak one of the above committee members, who would be happy to discuss the matter and add it to our agenda.

In addition, if you would like to join the committee, please speak to our Chairperson, Chrissie Newhouse.

## Message from our Chairpersons:

*Dear Parents and Carers*

*Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Autumn term, the committee and I hope you had an enjoyable half term break.*

*Last Half term the committee arranged three events, The Coffee Morning, Bags2School and the Halloween Party. Thank you to everyone who supported us, without your support these fundraising events would not generate the vital money Preschool needs to run. Preschool is a charitable organisation so all money raised through grants and fundraising goes back into preschool. There are notices in this newsletter about further fundraising events the committee has planned for this half term.*

*We would still welcome new committee members and you will also see a notice in the newsletter about the next committee meeting and who to contact should you wish to join. If you would like to help but can't commit to becoming a committee member then please do let Myself, Sarah or another member of the committee know in what capacity you can help.*

*Chrissie, Sarah and your Preschool committee.*



### Pre-school Uniform

Whilst we do not operate a uniform policy at Pre-School, we do offer parents the opportunity to purchase polo shirts, sweatshirts and wet weather gear for their little ones to wear when in the setting.

The feedback from parents for these items are that they wash well and are of good quality.

Should wish to purchase these or a Yelvertoft Pre-School book bag, please complete the attached form and return to a member of staff

### Key Worker Buddy System

All of the children who attend Pre-school have an individual Key Worker assigned to them.

Noting that some of our staff are part time, there are occasions when a child's key worker is not present at all of the sessions the child attends throughout the week.

To ensure a level of consistency, each key worker has a "buddy" who works alongside and is on hand to pass information through when appropriate.

Should you wish to know who your child's key worker buddy is, please speak to Supervisor - Val Middleton, who would be happy to discuss further.

### Sickness Number 07874 661813

Could we highlight to parents that should their child be absent from pre-school, to use the above number to report the absence and let the staff know.



## Spare Clothes

Could we please ask all parents to ensure the children have a change of clothes brought with them to Pre-School each day. **All clothes must be clearly labelled.**

Pre-School does keep a small stock of children's clothes and any donations would be gratefully received.

**May be request that all borrowed clothes be washed and kindly returned.**



## Stay & Play

Pre-School are keen to encourage parents to stay with their children on occasion to observe their little one in the setting.

In addition, if you have a skill, talent or interest you'd like to share with the children, we would love to hear from you.

Should you wish to "stay and play" please speak to Supervisor - Val Middleton, who would be happy to discuss further.



## Outdoor Clothes

Pre-School is always keen to take the children outdoors as much possible.

Noting the colder weather, could we ask that all children have the following items with them for each session and that they are labelled:

Wellies  
Gloves  
Hat  
Warm coat  
Waterproof body suit

## Do You Want to Save Money on Childcare Costs?

The Government have introduced a new website called '**Childcare Choices**' that brings together all the new and existing government offers that can help parents with childcare costs.

These include; Tax free childcare, Funding for 2 year olds, 15 and 30 hours funding for 3 & 4 year olds, Tax credits for childcare, Universal credit for childcare, Childcare vouchers and Support while you study.

Please visit: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) for more information.  
Our Business Manager; Jane Frodsham can also provide help and advice on these schemes (contact details on the front page).

**John Lewis**  
johnlewis.com



**ASDA**

**Sainsbury's**

**TESCO**



**M&S**  
EST. 1884



### **Do you shop on-line with any of the above brands???**

If so, then you could be collecting free donations for Yelvertoft Pre-school via  
**Easy Fundraising**

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, Aviva and thetrainline.

It doesn't cost you a penny extra and is easy as **1, 2, 3...**

**1.**

Head to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/yelvertoftps/>  
and join for free.

**2.**

Every time you shop online,  
go to **easyfundraising** first to find the site you want  
and start shopping.

**3.**

After you've checked out,  
that retailer will make a donation to your good cause  
for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Yelvertoft Pre-school will be really grateful for your donations.

**A huge thank you to all the parents who have already joined this service  
and raised over £196 for our Pre-School!**



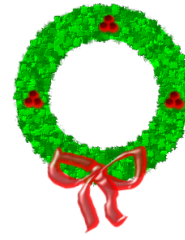
### **Snack List**

The staff and committee would like to thank parents for their continued contributions to the children's snack selection.

We continually rely on these donations which this term comprise the following items:

**Carrots & Peppers**  
**Biscuits**  
**Crackers**

In addition to the above, donations of **hand soap** would be gratefully received.



### **Christmas Wreath Workshop**

Saturday 2nd December  
10:30am - 2pm  
Yelvertoft Village Hall

Come and make a fabulous Christmas Wreath at our workshop to be held at the Lilbourne Village Hall. No experience required!

Tickets are **£20** and include all materials, light lunch and refreshments.

To book a place please call  
Sarah 07841139888 or  
Rupi 07738 593607.



### **Poorly Children**

May we remind parents to observe the 48 hour incubation period (as recommended by the NHS) for any bout of sickness and / or diarrhoea your child may have. The two day period starts after the symptoms have cleared.

Ignoring this guidance puts other children and staff at risk of infection.

**Should a child become poorly during a Pre-School session, staff will notify the relevant parents / carer immediately, with a view to taking the poorly child home.**

We appreciate your continued co-operation in this matter.

### **Picking up Children**

Please could we ask that parents come into the Pre-School room to pick up their children at the end of each session, to avoid congestion on the stairs.

This also allows staff to supervise the children on the carpet area and ensure that children go home safely with their parents.