# PRE-SCHOOL PRESS...



The Village Hall Lilbourne Road Yelvertoft Northampton NN6 6LJ

**Opening Times:** Monday: 9am till 3pm Tuesday: 9am till 3pm Wednesday 9am till 1pm Thursday: 9am till 3pm Friday: 9am till 3pm

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# Dates for the diary:

26th May Term Ends





Sponsored Toddle / Bug Hunt

### 30th June

Children's Photographs (more information to follow)

### 13th July

Sports Day

### 21st July

Leavers Party Term Ends

#### **Committee Contacts:**

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## Message from our Chairperson:

Dear parents and carers,

We are nearing another half term before the last term of this school year. The weather is improving, (slowly!!) so do remember sunscreen and hats.

As you will be aware from the notice at Pre-School, we have a had a nasty sickness and diarrhoea bug at Pre-School. Thank you to all parents of affected children for observing the 48 hour rule and also to Val and the team for the extra cleaning and sterilising they have been doing on top of the usual to get this bug under control. Every little helps!

Thank you also to everyone who helped out and supported our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was again a great success with many satisfied customers and we raised around £240 for Val to spend on new Pre-School equipment and the leavers party.

Lynn and your Pre-School committee

### **Committee AGM**

A quick reminder that we need some more parents / carers to join the pre-school committee from the AGM in July (date TBC). This is when a few members will be standing down due to their children moving onto primary school.

We meet one evening a month (during term time) for an hour and also help with any fundraising activities we have organised. It isn't a great deal of work and allows you to become more involved with the running of your child's pre-school.

Without the pre-school committee it is not legally possible to open and we would regrettably have to close!

# **Committee Meeting**

Your Pre-School Committee meet on a monthly basis, our next meeting being on 6th June 2017.

Should you wish to raise any points at this meeting, please speak one of the listed 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, Lynn Little (contact details are listed on page 1).

### **Your Pre-School Newsletter**

Should you wish to place a notice or advertisement in this newsletter, please contact Louise Dale by Friday 21st April 2017

07740 372133 lou.dale@yahoo.co.uk



# Poorly Children

Pre-school has recently been struck with a nasty sickness and diarrhoea bug, which has affected a signifiant number of children and some staff members.

We would like to thank all parents who observed the 48 hour rule and kept their children at home following a bout of sickness and / or diarrhoea. This has really helped bring the bug under control.

We would just remind parents that the two day period starts after the symptoms have cleared.

Please also be aware that staff are not permitted to administer any medications other than preventative prescription medicines such as asthma medication. Children who are not feeling well should be kept at home and not brought into the setting. The wellbeing of all children and staff is our top priority.

Should a child become unwell during a pre-school session, or staff suspect that an incubation period has not been observed, they will notify the relevant parents / carer immediately to arrange collection.

The pre-school staff have full support from the committee on this matter.





# Sponsored Toddle / Bug Hunt Friday 9th June - 9.30am

As in previous years we are asking all pre-school children to take part in their own sponsored toddle around the perimeter of the cricket/football field.

You will find attached with this newsletter a sponsor form for your child / children. Please ask relatives and friends to sponsor your child to help raise funds for their pre-school.

All children are invited to take part in the toddle even if they wouldn't normally attend pre-school on a Friday (to be collected at the conclusion of the event). Children who attend on a Friday can be collected as normal.

The staff will guide / help the children to walk around the field but parents / carers are welcome to join in the toddle as well if they so wish!

### **Childcare Choices Website**

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

Please visit: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information.



### Footwear

Could we ask that all children wear suitable footwear for pre-school.

# No flip-flops please!

The children will be making regular trips to the primary school and will therefore need comfortable shoes that will enable them to walk the journey.



## Sports Day Thursday 13th July 9.30am

Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are warmly invited to join us for the annual sports day which will once again be held on our field outside pre-school.

The races will begin at 9.30am with complementary teas / coffees and cakes being served in the village hall from 9am, so please come along and enjoy the fun.

The event should last about an hour and if the weather is poor we will go inside the hall. All children, regardless if they would not normally attend preschool on a Thursday, are invited to attend this event and can be collected after the event ends around 10.30pm. Children who attend on a Thursday can be collected as normal.



## Leavers Party Friday 21st July 9.00am

All the children will enjoy a special party to say a fun goodbye to the children who are moving up to "big school" in September.

The finer details are yet to be confirmed but will be followed by a party lunch for the children. As with previous years we will be asking all parents / carers to contribute some food for the party lunch, a list will be put up outside the classroom a few weeks before the event, in order for you to select which item of food to bring along.

Again, if your child does not usually attend on a Friday, they are of course more than welcome on this day and can be collected at 1pm.



# 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.



### **Sunscreen and Sunhat**

Noting the favourable change in weather, may we ask parents to ensure that children are applied with sunscreen before attending pre-school and provided with a sunhat to use throughout the day.



### **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 and have built up good supply of non perishables.

Could we request kind donations of **fresh fruit** for the coming summer months.



# **Open Door Policy**

We would like to remind parents that Yelvertoft Pre-School operates an open door policy.

Staff are always available to discuss a child's progress within the setting and talk about any concerns parents may have.