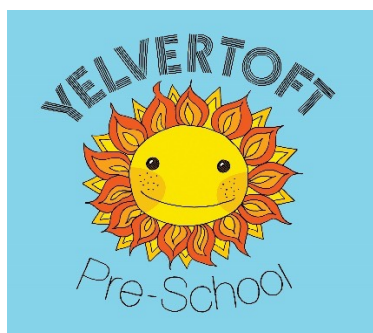


PRE-SCHOOL PRESS...



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Monday: 9am till 3pm
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Dates for the diary:

19th February

Term Begins

29th March

Term Ends

30th March

Easter Egg Hunt

16th April

Term Begins

7th May

Bank Holiday Monday



Committee Meeting

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

**8pm on 6th March 2018,
at the Head of Steam, Lilbourne.**

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,

The term is flying by and all of your little ones are having a great time at Pre-school, there has been messy play a plenty and great outdoor fun. The children are particularly enjoying all of the new toys and equipment we have managed to purchase with the money raised through fundraising, so thank you to everyone that has supported us.

With this in mind please keep an eye on the Newsletter and our Facebook page for information on upcoming events, the next of which is the annual Easter egg hunt around the pocket park on the 31st of March.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask if any parents/carers could spare the time to join the committee or help at our events? We are always in need of helpers. Whether you have the time to attend meetings, help on event days, bake the odd cake or donate a raffle prize we'd love to hear from you. If you can offer your support in any way, please make yourselves known to a committee or staff member.

Many thanks

Sarah and the 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 Velvertoft Pre-School book bag, please complete an order form (located at the entrance door of Pre-School).



Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday (30th March)
1pm-4pm

The Pre-School are delighted to organise the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Velvertoft Village Pocket Park

14th April 2017
1-4pm

Entry £3 per child
(Including Easter Egg)

Refreshments and cakes will be available for parents.



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 we request that all borrowed clothes be washed and kindly returned.



Arrival Time

Please could we ask that parents arrive with their children for **9.00am** opening time.

This allows for all children to be present during registration, and be included in our group discussions.

Many thanks



Outdoor Clothes

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

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

Wellies & Indoor Shoes
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 for more information.
Our Business Manager; Jane Frodsham can also provide help and advice on these schemes (contact details on the front page).

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Sainsbury's

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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/yelvertofts/>
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!**



Friends of the Pre-School Committee

We appreciate many pre-school parents don't have the time to become a full committee member, but would perhaps like to lend a hand on occasion at our various fundraising events. If parents, grandparents or local villagers would like to get involved in any way (baking, manning a stall, serving refreshments etc), please let one of the committee members know, and we can advise accordingly of our forthcoming events.

We are grateful for any help in our fundraising efforts!



Snack List

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

This term comprise the following items:

Fruit
Cucumber
Cheese
Crackers
Cheddars
Yogurts
Cereal bars
Crumpets
Muffins
Hand Soap



Footware

Self-care is very important for children working towards becoming independent.

Staff encourage this daily and celebrate each child's achievements such as, when they have managed to put on their coat for the very first time, or managed to undress and dress by themselves.

Please would it be possible to send your child in footwear that is easy for the children to remove and put back on again by themselves, to enable them to achieve their goals.

Many thanks



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.



Pre-School Telephone Number

07874 661813

Please could we ask that parents use the preschool telephone number (the same one as the "sickness number"), to discuss preschool matters. If it is out of hours, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.