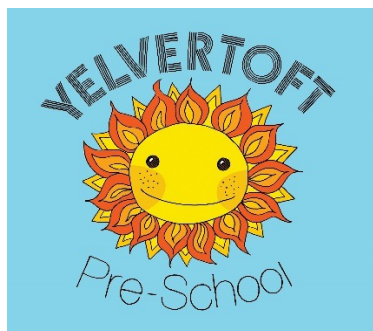


PRE-SCHOOL PRESS...



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

4th January

Term Begins

9th February

Term Ends

19th February

Term Begins



Committee Meeting

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

**8pm on 9th January 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

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year break.

Thank you very much to the committee and to all the parents who supported our Christmas fundraising - The money raised will be spent on new toys for the setting. Keep an eye out for more of our fundraising ventures after half term, we very much appreciate your support.

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 an order form (located at the entrance door of Pre-School).

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



Healthy Eating

Pre-School are keen to encourage healthy eating within the setting.

Could we please request that children's lunch boxes incorporate nutritious snacks (as opposed to sweets and chocolate). A Government website link is listed below for some guidance:

[www.nhs.uk/change4life/
cards#Ypl8P8uhh463FIT3.97](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/cards#Ypl8P8uhh463FIT3.97)



Noting the above any cherry tomatoes and grapes should be cut in half to avoid choking.



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 & 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).

John Lewis
johnlewis.com



ASDA

Sainsbury's

TESCO



M&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/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.

This term comprise the following items:

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



Picking up Children

Please could we ask that parents come into the Pre-School room via front doors (located within the gated area, where the outdoor toys are placed) as opposed to the usual entrance.

We are then asking parents to leave via the normal exit, so they may pick up any bags and lunch boxes.

This is to avoid congestion on the stairs and also allows staff to supervise the children on the carpet area, ensuring that children go home safely with their parents.



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.

Clothes

All the children are enjoying the newly purchased "Mud Kitchen", however as its title suggests, they are getting quite dirty playing with it. May we remind parents not to dress their children in their "Sunday Best" but to opt for older clothes that can withstand lots of washing!