



# Autumn Term Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break and enjoyed the brilliant weather!

We welcome lots of new children and their families to Pre-School this term and hope they settle into Pre-School well.

For those families returning to Pre-School, you may notice some changes to the layout of the rooms and the activities we provide. We feel the changes will be valuable to the children, providing them with new areas to play within the rooms and a wider more open-ended range of activities. Open-ended resources provide valuable opportunities for exploring different objects and improve children's creativity and imagination skills.

Key Persons are now working in pairs to support your children. Most children will remain with their key person from last term, but will now have a secondary key person to support them as well. If your child's key person has changed we will see you individually. New staff pairs supporting children are:

Sarah and Candy

Helen and Kelly

Eleanor and Marie

Emma and Nichola

## Outdoor Area

We continue to improve and renovate the outdoor play area. In the Summer the children planted a sensory garden, with a variety of plants to stimulate children's sight, hearing, touch and smell. The garden promotes communication and language and supports children's awareness of their body. We were in Tesco bags for help during the summer and are eagerly waiting to find out how much funding we gained from this. If you have any fundraising ideas we would love to hear them!



Please ensure coats, bags and uniform are labelled with your child's name!!

## Feedback!

Please help us gain some feedback by answering the question on our shelving unit in the entrance area by dropping a gem into a pot to tell us your answer!

**Our next Liaison Meeting is Wednesday 24 October 12.15pm-12.45pm**

Come and give your views, opinions, ask questions and support us in continuing to build on what we do!

If you would like to attend the meeting and your child is not usually in setting that day, they can bring a packed lunch and join Pre-School lunchtime.

## Starting School!

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you need to apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2019. They will be eligible to start school in September 2019.

The application process can be completed online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions) from November.

Further information leaflets will be provided in November.

## Dates for your Diary!

Friday 5 October **Harvest Stay and Play 9am-10am.** Come and join your child at Pre-School! Children who do not attend on this day are welcome to join us with a parent/carer for the hour.

Sunday 7 October Pre-School staff will be attending the '**Messy Harvest**' family service in St Lawrence Church at 10am, we would love for Pre-School families to join us!

Thursday 20 December **Nativity Play for Crocodiles at 9.30am** (children who start school, reception class in September 2019) *Pre-School will be open as normal on this day!*

Friday 21 December **Christmas Party** at Chester's Play Centre, Chesterfield Football Ground. Children will have soft play, food/drink and a visit and present from Santa. Parents/Carers will need to stay with their child/children. Children who start school, reception class in September 2019 will attend 1pm-3pm, all other children will attend 10am -12pm. Cost = £1 which will be collected nearer to the time to confirm children's attendance. *Pre-School will be closed on this day.*



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## **Emergency Contacts and Password Policy**

As stated in your welcome pack as well as the child's and parent/carer details we also ask for contact names and numbers for two emergency contacts when your child begins St Lawrence Pre-School. In case of needing to contact a parent/carer we would always attempt to contact parents/carers in the following order:

- Home address and contact number
- Mobile number
- Work contact number

If we were unsuccessful in contacting parents/carers we would then attempt to contact the two emergency contacts as given on your child's registration form.

To permit these persons from collecting your child in case of illness, accident, or emergency we ask parents to provide passwords for these persons to use when collecting the child, providing authorisation for us to release the child into this adults care. Where ever possible we would continue to contact the parent/carer informing them that the emergency contact had collected the child and messages left where no response is obtained.

It is parents' responsibility to change the password registered at Pre-School if they believe there to be a breach of confidentiality or if another person is given the role of emergency contact.

New registration forms will be distributed 6 monthly by the setting to ensure all details are up to date and if required passwords need to be changed. It is parent's responsibility to inform St Lawrence Pre-School of any changes to their details.

***We ask parents to complete a child collection form if someone else is collecting their child. Passwords or a description of a person are used on the form to authorise a different person collecting their child from the setting. We ask parents to inform us on the day if someone else will be collecting their child, even if we have seen the person before.***

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