



September-October Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break! We welcome lots of new children and their families to Pre-School this term and hope they settle into Pre-School well. We also welcome Natalie to the team, Natalie will be a key person in the jungle room and can't wait to meet the children. Unfortunately Nichola has chosen to begin her maternity leave now, and therefore won't be returning to Pre-School this term. We can't wait to meet Nichola's baby when it's born!

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.

We will speak to you individually if your child's key person has changed. If you are unsure of who your child's key person is, please come and see us! New staff pairs supporting children are :

Eleanor and Candy

Helen and Emma

Natalie and Marie

Gemma and Suzy

To make transition times easier, we will no longer be handing out children's work at the end of sessions. Please look through the trays in the entrance area to find your child's pictures at the end of each session. We will also share important information on this table/display board - please have a look when you drop off/collect!

We are introducing positive reward systems for the children. The tiger children will receive a stamp on their hand for displaying positive behaviour, new achievements etc and the jungle children will place a marble into a jar. The jungle children will all work together to gain the marbles and fill the jar. When the jar is full of marbles all the children will receive a small reward from the reward box.

Outdoor Area

Work on the outdoor area is well underway! Unfortunately due to manufacturing delays on some of the materials needed, it is not yet completed. However it will be completed in time for the Fun Day on Saturday 21st September. We would like to say a great BIG Thank You to David Simkins and his helpers who have volunteered their time and worked hard on the renovations! Whilst the playground is being completed we will be going for walks in the local community.

David Limb who is a board member and part of 'Dads Army' who helps to look after the PreSchool building celebrated his wedding anniversary with his wife Eileen. From celebrations with family and friends, instead of gifts they asked for contributions to go towards the renovations of the playground. £300 was donated. We would like to say a BIG Thank You for their kind donation.



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!

Backpacks

To support us with nappy/clothes changes please ensure all back packs are placed in the white trolley in the entrance area when you drop off your child. We can then take these to the toilets for changing/any accidents. Thank you



Family Fun Day! Saturday 21 September 10am—2pm!

This year we are sharing the proceeds from the event with the ALEX TLC charity (Reg No. 1106008). This is a charity close to the heart of Pre-School and local community as William, a child who previously attended Pre-School, has recently been diagnosed with the life-limiting disease Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD).

If you know of any organisations who may wish to donate to this event we would be very grateful for donations of prizes, gifts or vouchers which could be used in our raffle or tombola. Any organisations who are kind enough to donate will be included in the publicity we produce for the day and in our autumn newsletter to all parents.

We are asking Parents/Carers/family members to donate bottles for our bottle tombola e.g. drinks/sauces/cleaning products/bubbles etc, and/or a bottle of wine for pick a bottle! Please bring in any donations by Wednesday 18 September! If you can bake we would like donations of cakes/buns for our cake stall - please speak to Jo/Laura if you are able to donate some baking!

We are also needing volunteers to help prepare the activities for the fun day if you have a few hours available w/c 16th September please speak to Jo/Laura.

Dates for your Diary!

Friday 4 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.

Friday 25 October

Half Term Pre-School will be closed **Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November.**

St Lawrence Pre-School

Cake Stall

Bottle
Tombola

Bouncy
Castle

Food & drinks

Games

Hook a
duck

Raffle

Family Fun Day *Come and Join us!* Saturday 21 September 10am-2pm

Entertainment & Travelling zoo!

See our new Play Area!

**Raising Money for ALEX TLC and to
further our play area renovation**

All children must be accompanied by an adult!

The Pre-School Car Park will be out of use, please use alternative parking whilst being considerate of our neighbours!

St Lawrence Pre-School (North Wingfield) Registered Charity No: 1121576, Alex TLC Registered Charity No: 1106008

