

Stoughton Pre-School Autumn Newsletter



November 2013

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now in the back half of the Autumn Term and I before all of our thoughts turn to Christmas, I wanted to take the opportunity to make you aware of some key dates that are approaching as well as some other important information.

New Deputy Manager:

I would like to welcome Zoe, the new Stoughton Pre-School Deputy Manager! Zoe is Level 3 Qualified with many years of experience as room leader in a range of nursery settings. I'm sure Zoe will get to know you all over the next few weeks. I would also like to thank Danielle for doing a great job during her time standing in as Interim Deputy Manager

Fee Increase:

From January 2014 we will be raising the price of a 3 hour session by 50p taking the session cost to £15. Fees are set at a competitive level in order to maintain a sustainable and well equipped pre-school setting. Please note that those with children who are in receipt of the Early Years Free Entitlement of 15 hours per week will not be affected.

January 2014 Spaces:

A number of new children on the Pre-School waiting list will be joining us in January 2014. Children who are already with us will get first refusal on spaces, so before new starters are allocated a place, can I ask that any parent who would like additional sessions for their child let me know as soon as possible. Please remember that if your child's third birthday is before 31st December 2013, they will be eligible for 15 hours (or 5 mornings/afternoons with us) of free child care per week. Please email or write to me to confirm any changes so I can update my records.

All About Me Topic

We would still like you to bring in some family photos of your child if possible. This will help develop their self-confidence and self-awareness. If you have already supplied us with photo's thank you.

Other Activities This term

Our song: 'Wheels on the Bus'

Our Story: Ridiculous

Religious Festivals: Hanukkah on November 27, Jewish Festival of Light on December 5, Christmas Day on December 25.

Text messages:

I do hope you are finding the regular text messages that are being sent out useful. They are a good way of sharing information with all parents to keep you up to date with what is happening at pre-school. If you are not receiving this information please do let me know.

Small Request:

Can you please take all of your child's belongings home each day they attend, we do share the premises with other parties. Unfortunately a Fireman Sam bag has gone missing, I would be grateful if you could check to see if you have taken it home by mistake.

Dates for Your Diary:

19 November - Photographer day. If your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday and you would like their photograph to be taken, you can bring them in either between 9am and 9.30am or between 12.00pm and 12.30pm.

18 December – Christmas sing along between at 10:00am or 1.30pm

20 December - End of term party. Children who attend on this day can dress up. We will have a fun session with card making, face painting and watching age appropriate DVD's.

6 January – Pre-School opens again for the Spring Term!

Clothes/Nappies:

Can all parents please provide a named change of clothes along with suitable clothing for the time of year. Named Wellington boots are essential when we play on the field or go to the park. Please remember to pack several spare nappies or pull-ups for every session.

All this information, and a great deal more, can be found on our website

www.stoughtonpreschool.co.uk so please take the time to have a look if you get the chance. As always, if you have any questions in the meantime please do contact me.

Many thanks,

Mandy Holloway

Stoughton Pre-School Manager