



St.Luke's Pre-school Newsletter -Issue 31- October 2014

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Our **current theme** is 'Around the World.' Each day we will be talking about a different country, showing pictures of the sights and examples of what food they eat, etc...

Phonics for the following weeks are:

Oct 20th – 'E'

Nov 3rd – 'F'

Nov 10th – 'F'



Find us on Facebook

To keep you informed more efficiently we would like to invite you to join our **NEW** Facebook Group. This is for Pre-school pupil parents/carers and staff only, and a completely private and user friendly group to keep you up to date with all the goings on as they happen.

To join, simply type:

www.facebook.com/groups/stlukespreschool

into your browser and request to join the group.

Alternatively search for:- **St Lukes Preschool (Rochester)**

Needed - It would be appreciated if you could bring any old children's coats that you may have around for outside use, as the weather is so changeable at the moment and any contributions of fruit (apples, raisins etc), vegetables ... for the children at snack time.

Lunchboxes - please ensure grapes & cocktail sausages are cut in half, as they can be a choking hazard in children under 5 & please no products containing nuts due to allergies: although your child may not be affected by nuts some of those that they interact with may be.

You do not need to provide drinks for lunchtime as we supply drinks of milk or water.

To be healthy it's very important to eat a balanced diet: more details and some ideas about what to put in your child's lunchbox, in the booklets and boards in the lobby and @ Change4Life website

Birthdays

October

4 years old

Bobby

3 Years old

Edith Ekam





Water Bottles As part of our Healthy Eating campaign we have purchased water bottles for the children printed with the St. Luke's teddy logo. These will be available to purchase for £1 each from Vicky in the pre-school office. All bottles are marked with the child's name and children are encouraged to take a drink at any time. Bottles are refilled when running low. The bottles need to be collected at the end of each session, washed at home and returned to pre-school at the beginning of the next session. Lastly, a reminder that the bottles should be filled with water only please (no squash).

Letters - please sign and return consent form regarding our facebook group and website asking for your facebook group and website.

Payments - a reminder.

- Children are funded from the term after their 3rd birthday (cut off dates are 31st March, 31st August and 31st December). The funding is currently paid to the pre-school by Medway Early Years. A child is entitled to 5 sessions each week for 38 weeks a year where available.
- We accept cash or cheques with a bankers card only, no company cheques please. Should any cheque be returned, you will be liable for any charges incurred.
- It is your responsibility to inform us if your child will be absent. All fees are still due during illness and for any other absence. Special circumstances, such as prolonged illness or admission to hospital, should be referred to the Supervisor for discussion.
- For non-funded children, at least 4 weeks written notice is requested if your child is to leave pre-school for any reason. If this is possible, then 2 weeks fees will be requested from the time of notification.
- We reserve the right to share information regarding non-payment of fees or outstanding fees, with other Early Years Providers.

Parent rota

All morning parents/carers should have received a letter asking them to come in to pre-school and experience a session with their child and his/her peers.

As detailed in our prospectus, we believe in working in partnership with parents/carers. Whilst there are many opportunities throughout the year to see and discuss your child's progress, the best way to volunteer and see what your child does at pre-school is by coming in and spending the morning with them.

The Parent Rota on the white board has dates for parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles or carers to volunteer to come and help-out at pre-school.

What do you have to do? Enjoy some quality time with your child, see 'Parent Rota - fun and survival.' For more information please talk to Mrs Cox: ask her anything!



Contact book.

Each child has a **contact book** as an additional communication tool (we have an 'open-door' policy) for you and the pre-school to advise each other of bumped heads, request information etc. It will be checked daily by the staff and although it is not to provide you with a daily snapshot of all that your child has/hasn't done during a session, **the contact book should be checked daily by parents/carers.**

Your newsletter

Your contributions to the newsletter would be most welcome: you may wish to share some of your child's words of wisdom - 'Knock knock!' 'Who's there?' 'Dishes.' 'Dishes who?' 'Dish is your friend!' - or share a recipe, share some news of a holiday or a trip to the cinema ...



Please submit any contributions to Mrs Vicky Trevallion @ stlukespreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Your pre- school

We value your contributions to improving your child's education and care whilst at St. Luke's. If you or your son/daughter, have any concerns or worries, or any comments or suggestions, you are welcome to come in to chat with a member of staff: an appointment may be necessary. Remember, if we don't know, we can't help ...

Pre-school Committee

Chair: Lisa Forbes (Aria's mum) Vice-chairs: Nicky Underwood (Lottie) and Tara Bates (Anya)

Treasurers: Diane Turner (James) and Claire Taylor (Marni)

Secretary: Kerry Campbell (Chester) Newsletter: Kerry Campbell and Penny McCullough (Edith)

Helpers: Denise Wilkes (D'shaylee), Aimee Nind (Vinnie), Charlotte Franks (Bobby),

Dominique Dancer (Zane), Karen Knowlden (Arthur) and Ravinder Birva (Simran)

Dates for your diary

Mon 27th Oct - Fri 31st Oct incl. Half term break.

Mon 3rd Nov Pre-school re-starts

November (date tbc) Individual (and sibling) photos.

Thurs 13th Oct Parent Interviews - have you booked your appointment time?

14th Nov. Children in Need.



Tues 2nd Dec (am) Christmas Play dress rehearsal.

Sat 6th Dec Breakfast with Santa

Tues 9th Dec (am) Christmas Play

Thurs 11th Dec Term Ends

Mon 5th Jan Spring Term starts for pm children only

Tues 6th Jan Spring Term starts for am children

