

St. Luke's



Pre-school

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DEAR PARENTS

At the beginning of term, it is a great pleasure to welcome new pupils and parents to the pre-school and to welcome back familiar faces of pupils, and their parents, returning from their Summer Holidays. It was very sad to see them go, but we wish all the children starting primary school all the very best as they continue their learning journeys. And for those just starting their learning journeys ... the fun has just begun!

Maria Hill (Supervisor)



Graduation

SUMMER DEVELOPMENTS

Last year finished with a number of great events, including the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Graduation, which completed another fantastic year of fundraising, enabling us to purchase a new large indoor carpet, screens, soft play toys and lots more!

At the end of last term, we said a sad farewell to Mrs Amy Ansell and Mrs Michelle Lawlor. We would like to thank them both for all their hard work and dedication to the pre-school and to the children. We wish them well in the 'big world' beyond the pre-school. **We welcome Miss Tracey Bell as a new member of staff.**

SHOW AND TELL FRIDAY'S

Show and tell on Fridays is related to phonics and the children are encouraged to bring in something related to that fortnight's phonics: an apple pie for Mr Bains, a book, bear, banana ...

This Months Phonetics
Weeks Commencing
4th & 11th Sep A & B
18th & 25th Sep C & D

1
2
3

Happy Birthday!!!
Elisha is 3 & Ava,
Sienna Y & Violet
Are 4 This Month



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CHILDRENS BELONGINGS

Please ensure children do not wear their best clothing to pre-school: painting overalls are provided but accidents can still happen. The pre-school has its own design of sweatshirts and t-shirts for sale.

Children should not bring sweets or wear jewellery to pre-school.

Please label all of your child's belongings. This includes their bags, lunch boxes and any toys etc that the children bring into the pre-school, especially on Fridays at 'show-and-tell.'



WATER BOTTLES

As part of our Healthy Eating campaign we sell water bottles for the children printed with the St. Luke's teddy logo. These are available to purchase for £1.50 each. All bottles are marked with the child's name & children are encouraged to take a drink at any time. Bottles are refilled with water 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).



Imaginative Play

Drawing Skills

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING ...

Join us at St. Luke's for the Coffee Morning on Friday 29th Sept. It's a great reason to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something yummy — and it's all for great cause: Macmillan Cancer Support



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Fri 29th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Oct (date tbc) - Individual & sibling photos
- Tues 3rd Oct - AGM Meeting
- Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct incl. - Half term break
- Mon 30th Oct - Pre-school re-starts
- Fri 17th Nov - Children in Need



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AGM TUES 3RD OCTOBER

Pre-school Committee - We are currently looking for new committee members to take over in the new school year. Some positions are still available. It is essential that the pre-school has a committee to maintain the running of events and all other aspects of the pre-school. If you are interested please speak to Vicki in the office or any member of staff.

Your pre-school needs YOU. No committee = No preschool!!!

A QUICK REMINDER

Please make sure you arrive and collect your child on time as lateness affects both the running of the pre-school and your child's routine. If you know you are going to be late, please contact the pre-school on 01634 819809 during session times.

If your child is unwell and will not be attending, please telephone the pre-school before 9.30 on the same day. Calls can be made out of hours to the answer-phone attached to this line. We also need to know the reason why your child is absent, in case there is a contagious illness circulating, so we can inform other parents. Not via Facebook! Messages left on Facebook page may not reach staff members. Tell us if you know you are going to be away head of time: just let the staff know when you see them or leave a message on the answerphone

Children must not be left on the premises without a parent/carer before or after the session times as the pre-school's insurance would be invalidated. If children are on the premises at any other time, the pre-school cannot assume any responsibility for their care and safety and the parents/carers are solely responsible for them.

Please queue in an orderly manner outside the building, to allow staff to safely set-up inside. In the case of inclement weather, you may queue in the entrance lobby.

Prior to entering the main hall, for health and safety reasons please encourage your child to change from outdoor shoes into their plimsolls. If you do forget your child's plimsolls, there is a pink flowery bag located in the entrance lobby, which has spare plimsolls of various sizes. A chart on the counter in the lobby will indicate your child's "special picture". Please find the corresponding peg from the tray, peg your child's outdoor shoes together and place them in the hanging shoe pockets. This makes it easier for staff to find shoes for outdoor play and (which is encouraged each day and therefore please provide wellies and coats on 'rainy days') and outings. All coats and bags should be clearly named and hung on the coat pegs.

Check the whiteboard for any 'news.'

Give your child's name to the member of staff at the door to the hall so that he/she can be ticked in the register. Inside the main hall, encourage your child find their name card and stick it below their photo on the big board. This encourages name recognition.

Before leaving the building, if someone other than yourself or the regular carer will be collecting your child, please enter their details in the large green book situated on the counter in the lobby. This is a very important detail as your child's security is compromised if staff are unaware when there is a change in the person collecting your child.

When collecting your child, please enter the hall in single file. The children are encouraged to sit on the carpet in the main hall or the floor in the rear hall until their parent/carer is at the front of the line. This ensures that each child is safely and individually "handed over" and is ticked out on the register.

Afternoon children – as above, except that at the start of the session you will enter the main hall via the back door and exit through the lobby, to check the whiteboard



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