



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

A place for Children to grow, to learn and to flourish

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Newsletter –December 2014



Preschool roundup

Welcome to the December newsletter. We are really getting into the Christmas spirit at preschool with lots of lovely activities and of course practicing for our nativity play Whoops a Daisy Angel. We hope you all have a lovely and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year and welcoming some new children as well.

A few reminders:

- Please ensure you are on time for dropping off and picking up your children. Late arrivals in the morning can be disruptive and mean that children miss out on registration and late pickups can cause distress as well as problems with the adult/child ratios.
- If your child is not going to be attending a session for any reason we would really appreciate a text or phone call to let us know. We have created a new procedure for unexplained absences which you should all have a copy of for your own reference.
- **Can you please ensure your fees are paid on time**, we are reliant on the fees to pay our overheads and so when fees are late we are then late paying.
- Can you please name all clothing, hats, lunch boxes, bottles etc so we can clearly identify who they belong to
- If your child is in nappies/pull-ups can you please make sure you send them in with spare nappies/pull-ups, wipes and nappy sacks
- Many thanks for all your help with these



A few thankyou....!

We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to Catherine and Sonia for their amazingly generous donations of ICT toys and a hudl for the children to use. We are so grateful and the children absolutely love their new resources which will support them in all areas of their learning and development. A HUGE thank you to Lyndsey, Heather and Becky for their hard work in organising and setting up the stall at the lights and the Christmas fayre and to all the committee members who helped on the days, both events were fantastic and we are all incredibly grateful to you all for the effort you put in to making them happen. A BIG thank you to Jess for helping out at the Christmas fayre, your support means an awful lot to us all and finally a GREAT BIG thank you to all the families who came out to support us at both the lights and the fayre, your support is much needed and appreciated. We desperately need more helpers at our fund-raising events as the load tends to fall on a few of the same shoulders. Every additional helper means we raise more money for the pre- school.

Term dates

Professional Day: Friday 24th October

Half Term: 27th - 31st October

Autumn Term Closes: Friday 19th December

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Spring Term Opens: Monday 5th January

Half Term: 16th - 20th February

Spring Term Closes: Friday 27th March

Summer Term Opens: Monday 13th April

May Day: Monday 4th May

Half Term: 25th – 29th May

Summer Term Closes: Friday 17th July

Professional Day: Monday 20th July

Professional Day: Tuesday 21st July

Professional Day: Wednesday 22nd July

Committee Roundup

We have a new committee that holds its first meeting in January. The work of the past committee and Michelle and her team means the school is now on a sound footing and has recently achieved an Ofsted upgrade from satisfactory to good. Our aim now is to build on this improvement with two major targets in mind.

- To increase the number of children on the roll

- Eventually to secure a move from good to outstanding in our next Ofsted inspection.

To achieve these aims we need more committee members to take on specific roles. Why not attend the next committee meeting and see what part you can play in your child's preschool education and the progressive improvement in Buckden preschool itself? If you wish to be involved, please mention this to Michelle. We would be delighted to have you with us.