



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

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

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Newsletter – November 2015

Preschool roundup

Welcome to the November newsletter. The milder weather has been a welcome gift and allowed the children to spend more time outside than they would normally at this time of year. We have explored Diwali and bonfire night, both very colourful therefore calling for lots of glitter. We talked about the sacrifices made by our armed forces and why we wear poppies and some of the children observed the minutes silence during the Armistice Day parade.

welcome!

A big preschool welcome to Jack and Sebastian who joined us this month and welcome back to Storme who we are thrilled to have back with us. We look forward to watching you all settle in and have lots of fun.



Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes go out to Sebastian who turns 3 and Storme who turns 4 this month; we hope you both had great birthdays.

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Massive thanks!

The Halloween disco raised an amazing £296.74 so thanks to all who came and supported us. We have purchased some lovely, bright drawers to store all the children's art work and letters; this will be kept in reception for you to check at pick up time. Without your continued support we wouldn't be able to purchase items like this so we are all incredibly grateful.



Christmas light switch on

Come and see us at the Buckden light switch on, Sunday 29th November. We will be running a tombola stall and selling reindeer hot chocolate packets too.

Christmas arts and crafts

We will be having a Christmas craft morning on Friday 18th December from 11am-12pm. Morning session will run as usual but from 11am you are welcome to join us to take part in a variety of crafts with your child. There will be refreshments and cakes on sale, if you would like to donate something for the cake stall we would really appreciate it. Can you please sign up on the sheet on the whiteboard even if your child attends on a Friday so we know how many people to expect. If your child attends on a Friday and you won't be attending please note that pick up is still at 12pm.



Tickets on sale now, join us for a morning of festive fun 😊

Term dates

Autumn Term Closes: Friday 18th December

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Spring Term Opens: Monday 4th January

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Spring Term Closes: Thursday 24th March

Summer Term Opens: Monday 11th April

May Day: Monday 2nd May

Half term: 30th May – 3rd June

Summer Term Closes: Friday 15th July

Professional Day: Monday 18th July

Professional Day: Tuesday 19th July

Professional Day: Wednesday 20th July

Committee Roundup

We held our AGM on Wednesday 18th November and reviewed the previous year in the preschool. It was a successful one where we consolidated our financial position and during the summer term had more children on the roll than for several years. As expected many of them left us in July and we continue with our efforts to build up the current numbers.

We now have a committee of eight people, the latest members are Paul and Savannah. I am sure their photographs and roles on the committee will soon appear on the notice board in the foyer. Fundraising was particularly successful and I thank the committee, the staff and the parents for supporting our fundraising events.

Because of this we have been able to release funds to Michelle, our manager, to enhance the facilities we are able to offer the children. Specifically she has purchased a range of small world toys including a pirate ship, Duplo and car ramp which have supported the children in taking turns, communicating, sharing and using their imaginations. We have introduced the online journals which are receiving positive feedback from both parents and staff and the children are enjoying being able to be part of their own learning journeys. The preschool now benefits from better book storage, a cosy corner to help the children relax and enjoy quieter activities and a new sand kitchen for the outside area. Lastly we have taken delivery of some new drawers which will be used to store the children's art work and other paperwork in a more organised and tidy fashion ready for you, the parents, to collect at pick up time. Finally as this is likely to be my last newsletter for 2015 I would like to wish the staff, children, parents and carers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Alan Scott, chairperson, preschool committee.