

Preschool 345 News

July 2016



Parents/carers, please feel free to chat with staff or committee members if you need any information or have a question. We will all be happy to help or to point you towards someone who can.



FUND-RAISING NEWS

There's plenty to celebrate in terms of recent fund-raising. Thanks so much to you all for your support.

- **PRESCHOOL 345 SUMMER FAIR**

Our annual summer fair raised £560 this year and was a lovely event for the preschool community to come together at. Half of the money will be saved in our building fund and the rest will buy resources and extra experiences for our children.



- **WAITROSE COMMUNITY FUND**

Thanks to ex-committee member, Ian, who signed us up to be one of the local charities to benefit from Waitrose's May charity donation. We received just over £300. Again, we can purchase resources and additional experiences with this.



- **SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

We traded in our collected vouchers for an £80 gift card. This will pay for our daily healthy snacks for a while.



Watch out for more fund-raising opportunities next term, including a fabulous offer from a Preschool 345 mum, Jo, who will be running in the Robin Hood Marathon and donating her sponsorship money to us! Sponsor her if you can - more details soon...

**Calling all dads, grandads, uncles...
Join us on a visit to
East Midlands Aeropark
Saturday 13th August 12noon**



**Oban and Rich (two dads who volunteer on the committee) would like to invite
Preschool 345 dads (or other male carers) to bring the kids to meet for an
afternoon at the aeropark.**

**Girls and boys are welcome and parking is free. Admission is £4 for adults, £2
for 5-16 year olds and free for under 5s.**

**You can find out more about the aeropark at
www.eastmidlandsaeropark.org/visit**

Sign up on the sheet in Preschool if you would like to get involved.

SOME DIARY DATES

LAST DAY OF THIS TERM – Friday 22nd July
FIRST DAY OF NEXT TERM – Tuesday 6th September
INSET DAY – Friday 21st October



**A fond farewell, with lots of luck and love for the
future, to the children who are leaving us this
term...**

Alice, Brodie, Chisromije, Daisey C,
Daisy O, Edie, Edward, Emma H, Emma S, Evie,
Gwenyth, Hussnain, Jay, Laura, Mia, Michael,
Millie, Nathaniel, Oliver A, Oliver C, Oliver R,
Qian Qian, Ryan, Samuel, Seth R, Seth R, Sophia
and Zakariya!

**It has been a pleasure to
know them and they will
be missed.**



Our new-look website is on the way...

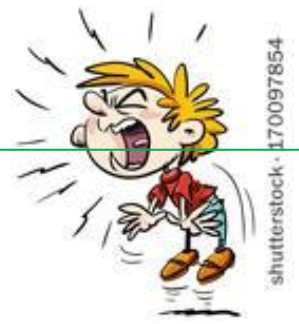
www.preschool345.org.uk

**Over the summer our Preschool 345
website will be getting a new look.**

**Watch out for more information
about all that we get up to plus
advice from Tina and the team.**



Lindsey's behaviour bit - If you have any concerns about behaviour please speak to your child's key person or Lindsey, who is our very own behaviour support lead.



At Preschool have rules, our promises, for the children to follow. They include:

- Walking inside, so that we don't run into furniture or other people
- Using our quiet voices inside, so it doesn't become too noisy
- Using the toilets properly. We don't play in there and we always remember to wash our hands after using the toilet
- Using the scissors correctly, so that we don't hurt ourselves or others
- Taking turns and sharing the toys
- Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves

We often remind the children of these promises and encourage them to come and tell us if they do follow any of them. One child once did all of them in very quick succession and came to tell me each time!



TATTY TED'S ADVENTURES

Catherine's bit

Tatty has been hearing lots of exciting stories about school visits from some of our older children this term as they prepare to head off to pastures new after the summer. And, our furry friend got to sample a taste of school himself when he went to stay with Imogen...

Tatty joined Imogen on the school run when they went to collect her big brother. Tatty said he thought school looked really good fun and he said he might like to go there one day to try new activities and make even more friends. Imogen also took Tatty to gymnastics and taught him to make bread. Our friendly bear loved getting his paws all floury!

When Tatty went to stay with Ewan he made a new friend called Lola. Lola is a puppy and Ewan and Tatty had great fun taking her for long walks. Tatty enjoyed learning lots of new things when Ewan took him to Think Tank in Birmingham. Here, he got to see how things move and work. They also went for a walk at Sudbury where they visited the Childhood Museum and got to play with lots of toys.

Tatty asked us to tell you how proud he is of all the children this term as they have been very busy learning new songs for the Summer Fair and practicing for Sports Day. He is sure all the parents, grandparents, friends and carers must have been very proud when they saw the children perform. Finally he wants to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and says a big 'goodbye and good luck' to all the children who will be leaving us in July to start new schools and nurseries. He knows they will be brilliant and wishes them all lots of luck and happiness for the future.

Language tips

Mandy is our very own Language Leader. She regularly attends networking events and courses so she can keep up to date with the latest research and ideas to help develop your child's language skills. If you have any worries or questions please feel free to speak to her or your child's key person.



There are lots of things you can do to encourage and support your child's communication, speech and language.

For younger children, adding words to your child's sentences can show them how words fit together. For example, if your child says "red car" you can say "big red car". Tell stories more than once repetition helps children understand and remember words.

For older children, join your child in pretend play. Let them take the lead. Reversing roles can be great fun, let them be mummy/daddy. This helps them talk about new situations and helps their language and creativity. Talk about what they are saying and doing rather than asking lots of questions. This helps their language skills and shows you are listening and interested.

A fun activity to develop listening skills is to sit quietly in the garden or out on walks in the park and listen to the sounds they hear and talk about what they heard after.

Most importantly HAVE FUN!!!

Mandy x