

Preschool 345 News

October 2016



A big welcome to all our new Preschool 345 families. Parents/carers, please feel free to chat with staff or committee members (information in the entrance) if you need any information or have a question. We will all be happy to help or to point you towards someone who can.



The new Preschool website is up and running and can be found at:

<http://preschool345.org.uk/>

Please have a browse and see what you think!



We are also on facebook:

Search for Preschool 345 Beeston

<https://www.facebook.com/preschool345beeston/?fref=ts>



AND check out our twitter feed –
@beeston345



Tina will be writing regular tweets after half term to keep you up to date with what's going on at Preschool – please follow to keep in touch!

SOME DIARY DATES

LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM – Thurs 20th October

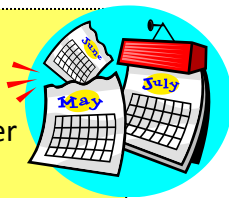
INSET DAY – Fri 21st October

FIRST DAY OF NEXT HALF TERM – Monday 31st October

Preschool will be closed 24th-28th October

AGM – Fri 18th November 10am

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sat 10th December



Coats and other belongings - Please can you make sure that you have labelled all of your child's belongings and that you take the correct items home!



- Our newsletter is published once every half term
- You should receive an email version during the last week of each half term
- Some paper copies are also made available on the parent/carer information table



Inspirational Parent

Jo (Jude and Hugo's mum) ran an amazing time of 2:07 in the Robin Hood half marathon on 25th September to raise money for Preschool 345.

We have no idea how she managed the training on top of working and family life - a true inspiration!

We are so proud of Jo and her achievement and can't thank her enough, so far she has raised £220.

Jude and his friends have already looked through the latest magazine and chosen a brilliant Big Bug remote control car and some BIG SCALES to weigh Big Things!

The Bugs have already arrived. Thanks so much Jo!!



PRESCHOOL 345 COMMITTEE



Preschool 345 has charitable status. It is managed and run each day by our experienced staff team. A committee of volunteer parents/carers supports their work and makes key decisions.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Friday 18th November at 10am – please do come along.

At this meeting we will hear different reports about what happens at Preschool, have a chance to meet the current committee and get involved.

TATTY TED – WHERE ARE YOU?!

Many of you will already know about our travelling bear who regularly goes home with different children who then share with us what they have been up to.



However Tatty went travelling in July and has not returned! Is Tatty hiding in your home? If so, could you please send him back? WE MISS HIM!

Harvest Festival

To mark Autumn and harvest time, we would like to collect food parcels to give to the local food bank. This is a great way of helping our children to understand that not everyone is as fortunate as them and how we can help others.

Please bring in any donations of tinned or dried food during the week commencing Monday 31st October.

Thank you.

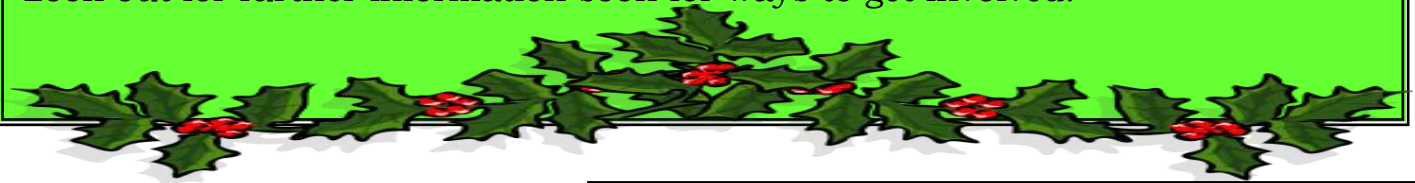


CHRISTMAS FAIR

Preschool 345's Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 10th December** at 11am. The fair raises vital funds for Preschool and is a great community event. There will be stalls, games and crafts as well as excellent food and drink on offer. Santa has also promised to make an appearance...

We will need volunteers to help make the day a success so please help if you can – maybe by donating items, giving some time on the day or baking for the cake stall. Make sure to bring along as many family and friends as you can gather! The fair begins with festive songs sung by all the children so bring them along bright and early in time to perform.

Look out for further information soon for ways to get involved.



Celebration Tree

Hopefully you will have noticed our Celebration Tree poster on the wall.

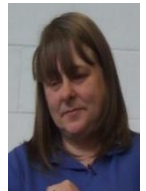
This is one of our ways to help promote positive behavior - If a child achieves something special e.g. using the toilet for the first time or is especially kind or helpful to another child (or adult) they will get a special leaf written out for them which they then stick onto the tree.

Have a look at the Tree and if your child doesn't have one yet please mention it to your child's key person and they will make even more effort to try and catch your child doing something amazing!



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.



Communication is more than just conversation

Communication can be verbal (talking to each other) and non verbal (facial expressions), so when you are taking with your children your facial expressions should reflect your conversation.

Children are great mimics and learn how to communicate by watching adults. When communicating with your children come down to their level both verbally and physically.

Verbally- use age appropriate language that children can easily understand such as 'no throwing your food' as opposed to 'it's not acceptable to throw your food'.

Physically- come down to their level giving eye contact which shows you are interested in what they have to say.

Preschool aged children struggle to sit through long speeches with lots of information - a good rule is to speak to them for no longer than 30 seconds at a time, give them time to answer any questions at least 10 seconds and always mean what you say.

Mandy x

Lindsey's 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.

Modelling Positive Behaviour

At Preschool 345, all staff members model the behavior we want the children to follow.

- ★ We speak kindly to each other and remember to say 'please' and 'thank you'
- ★ We remember to use our quiet voices inside
- ★ We walk inside, except in emergencies! (This is possibly easier for us to do than it is for young children, with their natural energy!)
- ★ We take turns so that the children learn that sometimes we have to wait and sometimes they do
- ★ We have to share out some things such as the play-dough otherwise it isn't fair that one child or one adult has it all and the others have none



We know that all of our parents and carers are excellent role models - that is why the children display such positive behaviour - so thank you and keep up the good work.

HELP NEEDED!

The wooden gate we use outside is broken and needs a little TLC.

Can you help, or do you know someone who can help?

If so, please let us know!

We are willing to pay of course.



SNACK TIME...

Snack duty is a lovely way to join in with Preschool 345 if you have an hour to spare now and then. Each day, a parent or carer volunteers to wash, chop and serve a healthy snack to the children. Our friendly staff will show you exactly what to do and your help will free them up to work with the children.

The sign-up rota is on the information table. Maybe you could consider helping once each half term – or more frequently if you wish! Or volunteer Granny...

