



# Preschool 345 Newsletter February 2018



Welcome to all the new children and parents/carers – we hope you're settling in well! 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 point you towards someone who can.

## Upcoming events

### **Easter egg hunt – Dovecote Lane Park, Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**

Come along to our fun family event and hunt for eggs in the park!

This is a free event organised by the preschool committee for preschool families to enjoy.



### **Quiz night at the Star Inn! Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9pm (Come along earlier and enjoy a drink beforehand)**

Come along and test your knowledge at the Star Inn quiz night! 50p per person entry. Max 6 per team. There will be a raffle - money raised will be used to buy equipment and resources for preschool.

### **Letting us know when your child is going to be absent from Preschool**

When a child is absent due to illness, holiday etc, we ask that you notify Preschool at your earliest convenience by telephone: 0781 637 6726, text, or email: [manager.preschool345@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:manager.preschool345@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Children who are absent without Notifying Preschool**

If a child is absent from Preschool without notification for more than 24 hours, the manager will attempt to make contact to ascertain a reason for their absence.

## SOME DIARY DATES

**THIS HALF TERM FINISHES – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**TERM STARTS – Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**(INSET DAY Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

**LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM – Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**SUMMER TERM STARTS – Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**EASTER EGG HUNT – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
**QUIZ NIGHT – Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
**(see details above)**



- Our newsletter is published once every half term
- You should receive an email version, some paper copies are also made available on the parent/carer information table in Preschool



**Contact details –  
Please ensure we have up to date  
contact information for you.**

**Also, if you are aware that you will  
not be contactable on your usual  
number, please inform preschool in  
writing of how you can be  
contacted.**

**Thank you!**



### **Introducing...**

Karen Woollard.

Karen will be a familiar face to some of you as she used to serve on preschool committee as secretary while her children were at preschool.

Karen is also a qualified teacher and will be joining the staff at preschool as cover/supply so you may well see her around in the near future!

Welcome Karen!

## **Behaviour Advice – Lindsey's advice lives on!**

### **Environmental behaviour**

Sometimes it can feel as though all we are saying to our children are things along the lines of "Don't do that! Come here! What are you doing? Argh!"

Try to narrow down exactly what your child is doing and when and why you find it so difficult.

Concentrate on where the unwanted behaviour happens, is it always during a trip to the supermarket? Then think in what ways the experience could be altered to allow your child to behave as you want them to. Sometimes breaking it down into more manageable pieces makes it easier to deal with the 'whole thing'

Some strategies for shopping might include:

Getting them to help write a shopping list using squiggles, letters, drawings, pictures cut and glued from magazines.

Give them small jobs to do whilst there e.g. looking for things, picking things from the shelves and ticking items off their list.

Praise them when they are behaving as you want them too. (Although there might still be times when you are letting your little one have a scream or two in the middle of an aisle whilst you are pretending/wishing to be somewhere else :) )

**Here are some pictures of new  
equipment bought with money raised  
at last year's fundraising events.  
A massive thank you to the committee  
for all the valuable hard work and  
support and of course to the support  
of our families who turn out to these  
events (with open wallets 😊)**



## Adventures with Tatty Ted

When Tatty returned to Preschool in January he had lots of stories to tell about all the fun he had at Christmas.



Tatty said he loved ripping all the paper off his presents and received lots of new toys, some of which he has brought into Preschool to share with the children. Great sharing Tatty!

This term he has been very proud of all his preschool friends. He told us he has been really happy to see the older children welcoming the new starters and including them so nicely in their play. Well done everybody, being kind to one another is so important and makes everyone happy.

In the weeks to come Tatty is looking forward to some special events like Chinese New Year, when he will join in activities including, dragon dancing, Chinese flag painting and as it will be the Year of the Dog he will be getting his paws all sticky by making a dog collage.

Following this he will be joining the children in lots of activities for Easter.

Tatty wishes everyone a wonderful half term holiday and hopes to be coming visiting many of you soon.

### Language Reading books

Throughout your child's early years they are learning critical language and communication skills. By listening to stories your child is reinforcing the basic sounds that form language and also the rhythm of language.

Some children love to look at and listen to the same book over and over again. Having around 6 favourite books to read at bedtime helps, as the repetition and familiarity helps your child learn new words and remember important words and sentences. They will soon be 'Pretend reading' you the story - you could start by stopping on some key words to let you child say them. 'Pretend reading' is when your child pages through a book babbling and talking about the pictures and is a very important pre-literacy activity.

Preschool now has a library! Please feel free to choose a book, share it together and bring it back to change it.

Have fun  
Mandy x



### Recipe corner – Apple juice and sultana cake

#### Method

1. Put the apple juice and sultanas and leave to soak overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 180C/Gas mark 4. Grease an 18cm square cake tin and line with baking parchment.
3. Cream the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition. Add half of the flour and all of the bicarbonate of soda and mix well.
4. Add the cake mixture to the apple juice and sultanas and mix well. Fold in the remaining flour and pour into the prepared tin.
5. Bake in the oven for 45-60 minutes, until well risen and firm to the touch. Leave to cool in the tin for approx 30 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack. Leave to cool completely before cutting into squares. ENJOY!!

#### Ingredients

150ml apple juice  
225g sultanas  
110g butter/margarine  
110g Light soft brown sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
225g plain flour  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda