

# Preschool 345 Newsletter February 2019



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.

## Fundraising update -

At the Christmas fair we raised **£439!** Many thanks to all who came and took part in making it a fun morning.

You may have noticed lots of new resources at Preschool, this is all thanks to all the fundraising. We would like to say massive thanks to everyone, especially the committee for all their hard work and commitment. And just look at some of the great stuff we have bought....



Remote Control  
Cats – yes they even  
"meow"

Water Channelling Unit – a whole  
lot of wet water and funnels,  
kiddie delight 😊



Whizzy Dizzy – I think  
the title says it all 😊  
The children appear to  
love it and never get  
dizzy !!

## Easter Event

**6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**11 am at Preschool**



Come along to this community event for some Easter fun including an Easter egg hunt (with prizes to be won!), crafts and cake!

More details to follow.

## DIARY DATES

**THIS HALF TERM FINISHES – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**TERM STARTS – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**INSET DAY - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**SUMMER TERM STARTS –**  
**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April**



The Giving Machine -  
[thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk) and Shop&Give app



If you do online shopping you can help raise funds for Preschool at no extra cost to you!

Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Next and 300+ more online retailers are signed up.

The site is easy to use. Once you are on it, register as a new user and you can then install the Shop and Give reminder on your computer. Once installed, it tells you every time you are on a site that gives some of its profits to Preschool 345. By clicking on the reminder, any shopping you do will generate a donation for Preschool. You can also download the 'Shop&Give' app to your phone.

Thank you!

Mandys Bit ..

**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 e.g. 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!!!

From Mandy x

### Dr Tom's tips

*Dr Tom is one of our preschool daddies and will be offering advice in each of our newsletters.*



How to contain the germs!

Encourage your child to cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze and if they have used a tissue, put it in the bin.

Regular hand washing with soap and water for children and adults is the most effective way to prevent germs spreading.

### Contact information



Please can you make sure we have up to date email addresses and phone numbers for carers. This helps us to keep in touch with you about important information and also ensures we can easily contact you in case of emergency.

Speak to Tina if you would like to check your details.

- 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/carers information table



## HELP – confusion over coats and belongings

Let me just paint you a picture, up to 30 children all looking wistfully at the coats, "So which is your coat then ...?"

Do you get the picture? Blank faces staring back...The ladies try and try to remember which coat, hat, gloves and scarves belong to whom, but it's hard!

Ok I exaggerate some of the children do know which is their coat, but it really would help if you could pop your child's name onto their belongings.

Also, as you may be aware we have very limited space on our coat pegs so could parents/carers please avoid bringing in children's bags unless absolutely necessary. If you do need to bring a bag can you please pop them on the floor?

I know some of you like to send your child with spare clothes however if your child does need changing we find it much easier to use our own spare clothes rather than search for children's bags etc.

Thank you for your help!  
Tina



## Your committee needs you!

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.

As a committee we generally meet once every half term and organise fundraising and other community events throughout the year.

We are always looking for people to join us on the committee.

**If you would like to find out more about getting involved, or to put your name forward for the committee then please speak to Tina or one of the current committee members – we'd love to hear from you!**



## Custard creams – from the blog 'Baking with granny'.

These are very easy (and very delicious!).

Kids will love to help you make them!

### Method

1. Pre-heat your oven to 180°C (160°C for fan assisted ovens or Gas Mark 4) and put greaseproof paper on a couple of baking sheets
2. In a large bowl cream the butter & icing sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Gradually add the flour & custard powder a little at a time until the mixture forms a paste.
4. Divide into small balls (about a teaspoon-tablespoon per biscuit) and place onto your pre-greased baking tray with a bit of space between. Flatten each ball lightly with a fork.
5. Bake for 12-15 minutes until they appear dry on top.
6. Allow to cool on a wire rack.
7. Mix the butter & icing sugar to form the butter cream and once the biscuits are completely cool, pipe or spread a little butter cream onto half the biscuits and sandwich together with the other halves.

### Biscuits

70g Butter (at room temperature)

55g Icing Sugar

170g Self-raising Flour

55g Custard Powder

### Filling

50g Butter (at room temperature)

100g Icing Sugar