



February 2024 NEWSLETTER

PLEASE READ ME-PLEASE READ ME-PLEASE READ ME!!!

Please also see our Website: www.stjoespreschool.co.uk

Please do read on for up-to-date news + happenings at St Joseph's Pre-school

☺ Our (almost) Monthly Newsletter keeps you up to date on all happenings with weekly email updates when necessary and our WhatsApp Community Group for other notifications. Check out our Facebook page and website for other information and news too. And don't forget the Tapestry Website as well....

www.tapestryjournal.com

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (see below for further info):-

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024 – CLOSED for Half Term Break

Thursday 7th March – **WORLD BOOK DAY! - Dress-up Day!!**

Saturday 9th March – **SPRING FAIR and GRAND AS-NEW SALE!! 1 to 3pm – PLUS Mothers' Day CREAM TEAs!!**

Friday 15th March - Fun for Comic Relief – **RED CLOTHES DAY!!**

Wednesday 20th Mar - Parent Stay and Play Session!! (9am to 11.30am) - Come to the Forest with us!!

FOCUS ON POTTY TRAINING!!

So, it's Half Term next week. Why not take the time to concentrate on Potty Training?? Don't leave it until the last minute before your child is due to start school - they (and you) will have enough to be thinking about then!

You can find lots of information to support you on the ERIC website:

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/> Some of their tips to help include:

When should you start potty training?

What is the best age for potty training?

How to prepare for potty training

Why 'potty learning' helps

Supporting children with additional needs

What equipment is needed for potty training?

Step 1: Preparation

Step 2: Practice

Step 3: Stopping using nappies!!

Staff News

Many of you will already have heard by now that we will be losing Amy Kaur from the staff team as she moves on to pastures new as a Pastoral Support Assistant at BBA. We are so sorry to see her go but wish her all the very best in her new role!

Congratulations are due to two other staff – Alice Davis and Mat Simpson as they have both reached the end of their Level 3 Apprenticeship! This means that nearly all our staff team are now qualified to Level 3 or higher!

Thursday 7th March – **WORLD BOOK DAY! - Dress-up Day!!**

Thursday the 7th March is World Book Day and we invite all children to dress up as a favourite book character for the day. It doesn't have to be an elaborate or expensive costume, and we do have our own clothes here if you are not sure that you have anything at home they can wear.

We will be reading lots of our favourite stories and having lots of book related fun!

Saturday 9th March – Preschool SPRING FAIR and GRAND AS-NEW SALE!! 1pm to 3pm – with Mothers’ Day CREAM TEAs!!

Finally! We have a date and time for what will now be a SPRING FAIR together with a Grand As-New Sale (We are doing some early spring cleaning and have lots of surplus toys, books, collectables, and gifts to pass on to good homes!)

We will also have lots of Games, Spring Activities, a Teddy Tombola, Lucky Dip, Sweet Shop, and a Mothers’ Day ‘Gift’ stall!!

If you are able to lend a hand on the day, either on a stall or just to help set up or clear away then please let Cathy or Jo D know. Do come along and support us anyway and help spread the word to your family and friends. (Posters and fliers plus sharable Social Media posts coming soon!!)

Our NEXT Parent ‘Stay and Play’ Session of the Year will be on Weds 20th March

As part of our regular opportunities for parents to ‘stay and play’ for a short while when you drop your children off, and so that you can get involved in some of the activities we do at Pre-school, we will be holding another ‘Parent Stay and Play Sessions’ on Wednesday 20th March. They are usually just from 9am to 10.15am but the next one will be a chance to join us in the Forest!! It will therefore be from 9am through to 11.30am. You can join us even if your child does not usually attend on this session. Please be aware that it will involve a short walk down to the woods and a hill down and up that is not pushchair accessible. If it is too wet or muddy on this day then we will stay at the setting and have lots of ‘nature’ and ‘forest’ themed activities to try instead. (And it will just be from 9 to 10.15am)

There will more opportunities to ‘stay and play’ next term! 😊

PLEASE TAKE CARE!!

We are concerned that the scaffolding recently erected whilst they carry out repairs next door can be a bit awkward to get past when coming and going from preschool. Please do take care as you navigate around it and ensure that your children don’t try to climb on or under it!!

Early Reminder -Pre-school CLOSED for In-service Training Tuesday 7th May.

Please note that Pre-school will be closed one extra day following the May Bank Holiday on Tuesday the 7th of May for In-service Training. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

STILL Promoting Healthy Eating and PACKED LUNCHES!!

Please be aware that we strongly encourage Healthy Eating at St Joseph’s Pre-school! We would therefore also like to discourage too many ‘sweet’ additions to your child’s lunch box!! For more ideas on healthy things to put in your children’s lunch boxes, pick up one of the fliers by the door. 😊

*****ALLERGEN REMINDER!*****

On the subject of packed lunches, can we please remind you again that we have a **NO NUT Policy** at the preschool due to allergies. This especially includes **PEANUTS** and **HAZELNUTS** and anything that might contain these ingredients (Including spreads such as NUTELLA!!). We would also like to add **SESAME SEEDS** to this list of things to avoid. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST JOSEPH’S PRE-SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR YEAR 2023 to 2024

- Term 3: Tuesday 2nd January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024
- Term 4: Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024
- Term 5: Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024
- Term 6: Monday 3rd June 2024 to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

NB: WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR FIVE IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS DURING THE YEAR.

The first of these was on Friday 1st September. We have 2 further in-service training days scheduled for Tuesday 2nd January and Tuesday 7th May.

We will advise of the last two dates as soon as we can! We also close for Bank Holidays. (But most fall in non-term time anyway!)

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