**St James’ Pre-School Newsletter**

**November 2017**

Welcome to our November edition of the Newsletter.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS** 

Huge thanks for your generous support for all our fundraising activities this term.

Thank you to everyone involved in our **Tesco bag pack** which raised an amazing £350.10.

Everyone had fun at our **Autumn disco** and we raised £326.80 thanks to your generous support.

Thank you to everyone who filled and returned **Bags for Pre-School**. We raised £58.50 for Pre-School.

We rely heavily on fundraising efforts like these so thank you again for your support.

With a very busy term ahead and Christmas just around the corner, we’ve got some important dates for your diaries.

**Photographer visit** – Phil the photographer will be visiting pre-school on **Thursday 23rd** **November** with photographs available to buy shortly afterwards. If your child does not attend Pre-School on a Thursday, you are welcome to come with your child at the start of the session and have their photograph taken.

**NATIVITY AND BAZAAR**

Our Nativity and Bazaar will be held on **Friday 15th December** at **10.15 a.m.** in **St James’ Church**.

We would like to ask that the girls come dressed as angels and the boys as shepherds. Costumes should be kept simple with angels wearing as much white as possible (e.g. white top, white tights and silver tinsel for headdresses etc.) Shepherds can be dressed in dad’s striped shirt or pyjama jacket with a tea towel and tie for the head. Costumes can be bought or made so it’s time to get creative!

All of our boys and girls help to make the Nativity a success – some of the older children will be allocated a part – we’ll let you know as soon as possible and costumes will be allocated shortly. The children will be working hard in Pre-School learning the songs for the Nativity but we would be grateful if you could also practise the songs at home. A song sheet is attached – we want the boys and girls to enjoy themselves and have fun so it doesn’t matter if they’re not word perfect; *it’ll be alright on the night!*

We ask that you drop the children off at Pre-School for registration at **9.45 a.m. (not before please)** and then make your way over to Church. We also ask that the boys and girls come already dressed in their costumes ready for their performance. Parents will be given the opportunity to take photographs at the end of the performance and you will then be able to collect your child back at Pre-School where they must be signed out by a member of staff. Normal fees will apply, but as it is an extremely busy morning we would be grateful if you could let us know if your child will be attending the Nativity and, if possible, pay the fee in advance.

Following on from the Nativity will be our **Bazaar**. Stalls will include tombola, toys, books, cd’s, dvd’s, bottles, cakes etc. (volunteer cake makers needed please!) If you have anything to donate (new or good condition items to be used for prizes in the tombola) please bring it to Pre-School during your child’s normal attendance on the run up to the Nativity and Bazaar. (Cake donations can be brought along on the morning of the Bazaar).

Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly and we’ll have lots of fantastic prizes. (The raffle will be drawn on the morning of the Bazaar at approximately 11.15 a.m. so please buy some tickets and good luck).

There will also be a Café available selling various refreshments and Santa will be paying a visit and is looking forward to meeting the children.

Programmes for the Nativity will be on sale shortly at a cost of £1.50. Everyone attending will require a programme to gain admittance.

We will also be holding three **Fancy Dress Days** on **Monday 4th December, Wednesday 6th December** and

**Friday 8th December**. The children can come to Pre-school on these dates dressed in fancy dress or as their favourite character. We’d be grateful if children taking part could donate an item to be used as prizes on our tombola stall (bottles/new or nearly new gift sets/chocolates etc.)

**The Nativity and Bazaar is our main fundraising event of the year and your support is extremely important to us** **so please donate generously.** Thank you for your continued support and if anyone is able to give some time to help on our stalls we’d love to hear from you.

**Christmas Jumper Week** this year will be **Monday 11th December – Thursday 14th December** (Friday 15th Nativity). For a donation of £1, the children are welcome to wear their best festive jumper all week.

Our **Christmas party** will be held on **Wednesday 20th December**.

All Pre-school children are welcome to attend and should arrive at Pre-School at the usual time of 9.15 a.m. **Children can be collected after the party at 11.30 a.m.** Normal fees apply and we would be grateful if you could let us know if your child will be attending and pay fees in advance.

**Pre-school will finish for the Christmas break on Wednesday 20th December and children will return on**

**Monday 8th January 2018.**

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**Dates for your diary**

* Photographer visit - Thursday 23rd November
* Dress up days - Monday 4th, Wednesday 6th, Friday 8th December
* Christmas Jumper week - Monday 11th – Thursday 14th December
* Nativity and Bazaar - Friday 15th December
* Pre-school closes for Christmas break - Wednesday 20th December (Party day)
* Pre-school returns - Monday 8th January 2018

The team at St James’ would like to thank you for reading this newsletter.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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