**St James’ Pre-School Newsletter**

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We would like to welcome all of our children to St James’ Pre-School. The new children are settling in well and beginning to learn our routines and children returning after the summer break have been friendly and welcoming.

Well done and thank you to everyone. It has been a great start to the year!

**Morning Registration**

May we ask for your help at this busy time of the morning.

When paying fees, please place money in an **envelope** with your child’s name and what the payment is for written on the envelope. Envelopes are available at the desk, so please feel free to take one. If possible, please also try to provide the correct money as change is not always available.

Thank you for following the **ONE WAY SYSTEM** when registering your children. The system is in place for health and safety reasons and staff members may have information for you at the back door, such as tickets for up and coming events or book selections. It is also your opportunity to give information to staff, perhaps concerning changes in collection arrangements for your child that day.

**Pump Bags**

The change to pump bags has been largely successful; thank you for your support. The pump bags hang safely on children’s pegs which reduces congestion in the corridor and the children are enjoying the independence of collecting their own pump bags at home time, rather than waiting for staff to distribute bags from a box. The system is working well, but, unfortunately, we have discovered that the pump bags are only shower resistant. An additional carrier bag inside might help to keep the contents dry.

**Annual General Meeting**

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting in the church on **Wednesday 18th October** at **8pm** and refreshments will be provided! If you would like your name to be put forward for election to our Governing Body please do come along. We are also looking to elect a Fundraising Team so if you are able to volunteer to help out at our fundraising events, or if you have any ideas for raising money, we would love to hear from you. Helping with fundraising or being on the governing body is a great way to become more fully involved in Pre-School life. More information about what this entails will be available shortly.

St James’ Pre-School is a registered charity and in the past we have been fortunate to have our fundraising efforts matched by some of our local banks and companies. If this is something you and your employer can help with, please do let Deb know.

**Fundraising Events**

St James’ Pre-School is a non-profit organisation and we rely heavily on fundraising so we would like to tell you about some of the events and activities we have planned.

![C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\97R8GEBX\MC900391024[1].wmf]()**Autumn Fundraising Disco**

We will be holding our Autumn Fundraising Disco on **Friday 3rd November from 12.15 to 1.30 p.m**. The children will be entertained by Woody with a disco. There will also be a nail and tattoo bar and refreshments and lunch will be available. Tickets costing £2.00 will be on sale shortly at the back door.

We will be selling **cakes** on the day so we would be grateful for any donations! These can be brought into Pre-School on the morning of the disco. Thank you in anticipation.

**Tesco Bag Pack**

A Tesco Bag Pack has been arranged for **Saturday 21st October**. More details will be available later, but if you can spare a couple of hours to help out on that day we would be very grateful. Please make a note in your diary.

**Recycle for Pre-School**

We will be having a bag collection, in conjunction with Roberts Recycling, on **Friday 20th October**. Bags will be issued nearer the time to be filled with good quality clothes, paired shoes, bags and belts. This is a great way to raise funds for Pre-School as well as doing your bit for the environment by recycling your unwanted items. Thank you for your help.

**Photographer visit**

We will be arranging a visit from our photographer later this term. Photographs will be on sale at Pre-School shortly afterwards. We will let you know the date as soon as it has been finalised.

**Important change in term dates**

Due to our entertainer Woody’s busy festive schedule, our Christmas Party will now take place on **Wednesday 20th December and term will end on this day**. Children should now return to Pre-School on **Monday 8th January 2018**. The term dates on the website will be altered accordingly. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

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**Dates for your Diary**

* Annual General Meeting: **Wednesday 18th October** at **8.00 p.m.**
* Recycle for Pre-School Collection: **Friday 20th October**
* Tesco Bag Pack: Saturday **21st October**
* Pre-School closes for **HALF TERM** on **Friday 20th October** and the children return on **Tuesday 31st October**
* Staff Training Day: **Monday 30th October** – Pre-School will be closed. (Parent and Toddler will be open as usual)
* Autumn Fundraising Disco: **Friday 3rd November** from 12.15 to 1.30 p.m.
* **CHRISTMAS PARTY AND END OF TERM**: **Wednesday 20th December**. Children return to Pre-School on **Monday 8th January 2018**

Deb, Marion and all the staff team would like to thank you for reading this newsletter!

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