**St James’ Pre-School Newsletter**

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Welcome to our March edition of the Newsletter.

 We would like to begin with two particularly important messages.

**Morning Registration**

During a recent fire drill, it was discovered that a child had not been marked in the register. To prevent this happening again, **please stay with your child as you enter the building and make sure that he or she is verbally acknowledged and welcomed by one of the adults in the entrance hall**.

This should ensure that children do not slip into Pre-School unregistered. Thank you for your co-operation in this vital safeguarding matter.

**Emergency Contact Details**

We are in the process of updating our records. An **Emergency Contact Form** will soon be issued to all children and we would be grateful if you could fill in the details and return the form to Pre-School as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS AND EVENTS**



Our recent **Half Term Disco** was very successful, raising £297. Thank you to all the committee members and parents who helped with the organisation, including the bakers! And thank you to all the parents and carers who generously supported the event on the day.

**Claire House Bags for School** Bags have been issued for our next collection on **Friday 11th March**. We hope that you are filling them up! This is a good opportunity to support both Claire House and Pre-School.

We are now collecting **Sainsbury’s Active Kids Vouchers**. We have done very well with these in the past, purchasing equipment which has helped to keep the children active and fit as well as teaching them the importance of exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle. Please keep bringing the vouchers in.

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**Easter Hat Parade**

Feeling creative? We will be having our annual **Easter Hat Parade** on **Friday 18th March**. Tickets will soon be on sale at £2 each. Children will need both a **ticket** and a **hat** to join the Parade. We will be having an Easter Chocolate Tombola and a Raffle with tempting prizes will follow the Parade. Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly.

Refreshments will be available so any donations of **cakes** would be most welcome. Please bring these in on the morning of the Parade.

As this is one of our main fundraising events of the year, we would also be grateful for any donations of chocolate bars or small Easter eggs for our **Easter Chocolate Tombola**. These can be brought into Pre-School at any time.

St James’ Pre-School relies on fundraising events and activities. Thank you, in advance, for your support; it is much appreciated.



We hope that you are finding the comments in your child’s **Home Contact Book** helpful. These books are a valuable link between home and Pre-School. Comments from the books, about children’s news from home and current interests, often promote conversations with children and help us to plan future activities. So, thank you for filling them in, and a gentle reminder to those parents who have not yet returned the books; we plan to issue them again before Easter.

**Staffing News**

We are pleased to tell you that Debbie Stuart will be joining the staff at St James’ as our new Pre-School leader after the Spring Break.

An introduction from Debbie is attached to this newsletter. We are sure that you would like to join us in welcoming Debbie to our team.

** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY **

* Claire House Bags for School collection **Friday 11th March.**
* Easter Hat Parade **Friday 18th March.**
* Pre-School will be closed for the Easter weekend on **Good Friday 25th March** and **Easter Monday 28th March.** Children return to Pre-School on **Tuesday 29th March.**
* Pre-School closes for **SPRING BREAK** on **Monday 4th April** (Children’s last day Friday 1st April) and the children return to Pre-School on **Tuesday 19th April**

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

We are grateful for your support as always.

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