**St James’ Pre-School Newsletter**

March 2017

Welcome to our March edition of the Newsletter.

Thank you to all who returned our recent questionnaire regarding the new Government legislation to offer eligible parents up to 30 hours’ free childcare per week. Your views are extremely important to us and will be discussed at the next meeting of our Governing Body. This will help us to determine whether we will be able to offer the additional hours and if so, how we will structure our provision in the future.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS AND EVENTS**

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Our recent **Half Term Disco** was very successful, raising £279. 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.

Our **Recycle for School** in conjunction with **Roberts Recycling Ltd** was also very successful and we raised £80. Thank you for your support and we have organised two further collections – **Wednesday 26th April** and **Tuesday 6th June.** Bags for these collections will be issued nearer the time.

With clothes in mind, we are desperately short of spare clothes to change the children after messy play or in case of accidents. If you have any black leggings/black trousers or joggers that your child no longer needs, we’d be really grateful. Thank you.

We are still 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.

![C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\GBMXWK1N\MC900290695[1].wmf]() **Easter Hat Parade**

Feeling creative? We will be having our annual **Easter Hat Parade** on **Friday 7th April**. 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.

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* Easter Hat Parade **Friday 7th April between 12.15 pm and 1.30 pm**
* Pre-School closes for **SPRING BREAK** on Friday 7th April (after the Easter Hat Parade) and the children return to Pre-School on **Tuesday 25th April.**
* Bank holiday – **Monday 1st May**

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

We are grateful for your support as always.

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