



Twiggs Lane Pre-School

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NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK to everyone; we hope you and your children had a fun-filled half term break and hopefully you had a little time to relax with your children during the week .



Topics



Last term the children settled in very well by talking about the different ways they travel to pre- school, producing beautiful family trees, self portraits and discussing new routines. It gave everyone a chance to get to know a little about each other.



The children had fun making clay hedgehogs and hedgehog bread

Our 'Theme Newsletter' is circulated every week via e-mail from Wendy. We hope you are feeling well informed of what is coming up and finding out what your children have been up to, if they haven't already told you!

Please don't hesitate to speak to Wendy Sue or the team for further information about our topics. Also, if you have any ideas we are always open to suggestions and improvements so please stop by and have a chat.

Waterside Food Bank



Thank you to everyone for your donations of tins, packets & jars. Our food donation together with the Infants school was 278.1Kg this is enough for 861 meals!

Children in Need 2017



On Friday 17th November it's the BBC Children In Need. We would like to encourage the children to come in wearing something spotty!
There will be a donations bucket and any monies collected from Twiggs will be sent to BBC Children in Need

Christmas

The children's Christmas songs performance plans are underway at Twiggs!

Our Christmas songs performance this year will be held on **Tuesday 12th December at Marchwood Village Hall between 4.00pm - 5:30pm.**

We will be issuing tickets to parents/family members week commencing the **27th November**. There will be a limit of 4 tickets per child. Please look out for an invite in your child's book bag with a tear off slip to request your tickets. If additional tickets become available we will keep you informed.



One of our directors is very busy trying to organise raffle prizes. We are appealing to all our parents and carers for Tombola or Raffle prizes please

On the night of performance we would hugely welcome any offers of help with refreshments and running the raffle, let us know now if you can help out by e-mailing Jane on twiggsfinance@hotmail.com

Pre-School Christmas party



The party will take place at :

Marchwood Village Hall on the 21st December 12.30pm - 2pm. All children will be invited to come for a fun time with entertainment, games and activities. Parents can stay but let us know if you are going to leave your child. All children are welcome to wear festive clothes and should bring a named plate of food for lunch. Invitations will be sent out with more information in the coming weeks.

Clothing



Our garden is accessible all year round and as the weather is now becoming rather chilly, could you please send your children to pre-school with warm coats, hats, gloves etc.

Unless it's raining we like to get into the garden Welly boots can also be brought in for going outside to play but aren't suitable to wear while inside so please remember inside shoes too.

PLEASE CAN ALL CLOTHING BE NAMED AND COLLECTED WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN

Medication



Please can we urgently ask that there be **no medication whatsoever** in your child's book-bag or back-pack. All medication should be named and handed to a member of staff. Please speak to us if you have any questions. Thank you.



Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if you move house or change your telephone number. We need to keep our contact details up to date for correspondence & in case we need to contact you urgently.

E-Safety

To help keep children safe when they are using any kind of device connected to the internet we suggest reading 'The Adventures of Smartie the Penguin'. We have printed off a copy and have it available at pre-school if anyone would like to borrow it. Alternatively you can download the story at home to read with your child.



<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/ks1/sources/projet/The-Adventures-of-Smartie-the-Penguin.pdf>

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are taking place on the **week beginning the 20th November**. These will be offered between **3.30 and 5.30pm**. Slots are 10 minutes long and you will be able to have a meeting with your child's key person to discuss how your child is progressing at pre-school, and what their next steps are, as well as it being your chance to talk about any concerns that you have.

You must speak to your child's key person to arrange your time slot.

Fees

Every year the Directors of Twiggs Lane Pre-school review the structure of our fees.

As a result of our recent directors meeting, it has been decided that we will be increasing our fees to **£4.36** per hour with effect from **1st January 2018**.

These decisions are always made with careful consideration and after research of other pre-school settings locally. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jane on the e-mail address below.

Invoices for half term (November to December) have been sent out. Again please contact Jane.

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Remember

Twiggs Lane Pre-school is
NUT FREE ZONE
so no nuts or peanut butter
in lunch boxes please.



Please do not obstruct the entrance into the car park as these gates are constantly used by the infant school. Thank you.



Dates for your Diary

<p><u>Inset Day – Friday 10th November</u> Pre-school closed all day – staff training</p>	<p><u>Thursday 21st December</u> Christmas Party at Marchwood Village Hall for all Pre-school children 12.30pm – 2.00pm Invites to be sent. Pre-school open in the morning</p>
<p><u>Parent Consultations</u> Week beginning 20th November 2017</p>	<p><u>Christmas Break</u> 21st December – 4th January First day back is Thursday 4th January 2018</p>
<p><u>Christmas performance Tuesday 12th December</u> Marchwood village hall 4pm – 5:30pm Invites to be sent</p>	<p><u>Inset Day</u> Monday 15th January 2018 Pre-school CLOSED all day – staff training</p>

There is a list of dates for your diary for the whole year 2016/17 displayed on the notice board.

Please remember our door is always open, so if you do have any questions or concerns about anything, or if you would like to help out, please speak to Sue or Wendy.

If you would like to offer some help to the fundraising team, please e-mail Jane at twiggsfinance@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity (albeit very early!) to wish you a very Merry Christmas! The next newsletter will be sent after the Christmas break.

Staff & Directors-Twiggs Lane Pre-school

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