

# Holmes Chapel Community Pre-school

# NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the autumn term 2016!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and that the lazy hazy days of summer are not too distant in your memory.

We'd especially like to extend a warm welcome to all children and parents who have recently joined the pre-school. We hope you settle in quickly and thoroughly enjoy your time with us.

This newsletter gives you an overview of some of the key events coming up this term along with further information that you may find useful.

## Would you like to be involved in the running of the pre-school?

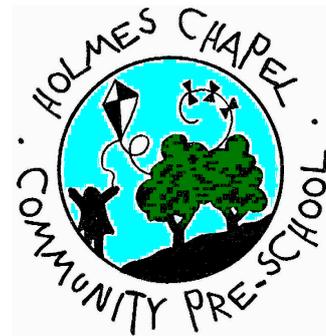
If 'yes', then please read on....

The pre-school is a registered charity that is run by a committee of volunteers, including parents or guardians of children attending the pre-school.

We are always looking for new members to join us, and this year we especially need volunteers to help out at fundraising events. Why not come along to the **Annual General Meeting on 19 October at 8pm** at pre-school and find out more about what the committee does and help to elect the new members?

Alternatively, speak to Dawn Caine-Bryant (07943 139808) who can tell you more about it.

Your support is very much appreciated



We'd like to express a huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our fundraising events last year. A lot of fun was had by all and we managed to raise a **fantastic £1,500!!**

Over the summer holidays, we had a wonderful team of people working hard at fixing up and painting the outside of the pre-school and we're sure you'll agree it looks fabulous. We'd like to extend our thanks to volunteers from Barclays, our committee members, staff and parents who all made it happen. Thanks to everyone for supporting our fundraising events, which has helped towards paying for the 'face-lift'.

Finally, we extend another **massive thank you** to Barclays for their incredibly generous donation of tablets for staff to use and allow the pre-school to complete learning journeys online. Parents will have access to this in the coming months, more details will follow.

We have a **number of fundraising events planned this term**. These can be a great way of meeting other families from pre-school so come along and join in the fun. The first of these is the...

## Halloween disco

➤ **Saturday 29 October, 2-4pm**

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Join us at the Victoria Club for a spook-tacular Halloween disco.

Drinks and snacks will be available for the children. Tickets will be available on the door and cost £3.00 per person, or £10.00 for a family ticket admitting 2 adults and 2 children.



While we're not wishing the year away, we would like to tell you about a number of events lined up for the festive period.

## Christmas fair

### ➤ Saturday 10 Dec, 10 am

Our Christmas fair will be held at St. Lukes Hall, from 10 - 12 noon. Come along with your families and see what you can win on the tombola, join in with craft activities, share a drink and a cake, and of course, meet Father Christmas himself! Look out for further details nearer the time.

## Pre-school Christmas party

### ➤ Thursday 22 December, 12-3pm

The children's Christmas party will be held at the Methodist Church on the afternoon of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 12-3pm.

The children will have the chance to

do some craft activities before being entertained by a magician. Of course no Christmas party would be complete without a visit from Father Christmas!

**Note that pre-school closes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and re-opens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Important dates

### ➤ Children's photographs

We have a photographer in Preschool on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** who will be available to take individual photographs. If your child is not in Preschool on a Wednesday and you would like your child's photo taken, please arrange an appointment. An appointment sheet will be available in the reception area very soon.

### ➤ Key Worker sessions

Key worker sessions are an opportunity to meet one-to-one with your child's key worker. The next sessions will be held at Pre-school on **22<sup>nd</sup> November** between 6-8pm. Further information will be available nearer the time.

### ➤ Nativity Play

A wonderful event for everyone involved. Let the children entertain you with their nativity play and Christmas songs. Our nativity play will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at Preschool from 2-3pm.

## Term dates

### Autumn term 2016

- ❖ Mon 5 Sep – Thurs 27 Oct
- ❖ Half-term: 28 Oct - 4 Nov
- ❖ Mon 7 Nov – Thurs 22 Dec

### Spring term 2017

- ❖ Mon 9 Jan – Fri 17 Feb
- ❖ Half-term: 20 - 24 Feb
- ❖ Mon 27 Feb – Fri 31 Mar

## Other fundraising activities

### Online shopping

Why not help the pre-school to raise funds while you shop online?

We have teamed up with 'easy fundraising' enabling us to earn commission from on-line purchases that you make, at no extra cost to you.

All it requires is a one-off registration with **easyfundraising.org.uk** and a quick download of the toolbar, which reminds you that a donation can be made from the site you're browsing.

### Extra pre-school sessions

Don't forget that we offer parents/carers the flexibility to arrange extra one off sessions at pre-school if you find you need **extra childcare**. Please contact our Administrator, Dawn Caine-Bryant (07943 139808) if you would like to arrange additional sessions.

### Playdoh

Please remember to sign up on our parents playdoh rota, which is pinned up on the board in Pre-school reception. There are lots of new and interesting playdoh recipes to experiment with, which our children can have lots of fun playing with. Please speak to a staff member if you need further information.

### Please remember...

- ❖ To send your child with a named bag containing a complete change of clothes.
- ❖ To let Dawn Caine-Bryant (07943 139808), our Administrator, know of any change of contact details.

### Pre-school uniform

Good quality t-shirts and jumpers are available with the pre-school logo on and are priced very reasonably. Order forms are available in the pre-school reception.

## Website

For further information on all aspects of the pre-school, please log-on to our website, at [www.hccp.org.uk](http://www.hccp.org.uk).

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