

Holmes Chapel Community Pre-school

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2016

Welcome to the spring term 2016!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years holiday.

We'd 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 as well as with further information that you may find useful.

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

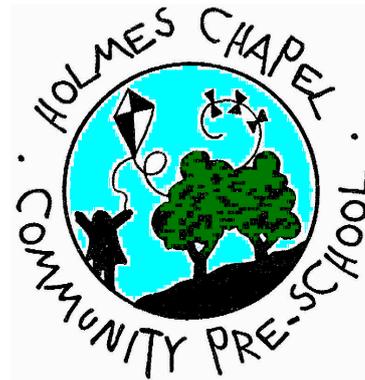
If 'yes', then please read on....

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. Why not come along to one of our information sessions to meet some committee members and find out more. We will be holding two sessions: the first during the daytime, on Tuesday 8th March 1.15-2.45pm and an evening session on Wednesday 16th March, 8-9pm. Further information will follow soon. We always need new members to help with committee events throughout the year. We will also **be looking to elect a new committee Chairperson** at our next AGM in October 2016.

Alternatively, speak to Dawn Caine-Bryant (07943 139808) who can tell you more about a day in the life of a pre-school committee member.

Your support is very much appreciated



We'd like to express a huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our fundraising events last term. A lot of fun was had by all during the Christmas events and we managed to raise £511. This money will be used to buy tablets for the pre-school to assist staff with documenting the **children's learning journeys** in a more timely way. Parents will also be able to logon and view their children's progress.

Money raised with your support also allowed us to pay for the **Children's Christmas party**, including the very popular and very funny magician, and gifts from Father Christmas himself



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...

Cake Stall

❖ **Friday 18th March from 3pm**



Come along to **Holmes Chapel primary school playground** from 3pm and buy some delicious cakes for the weekend!

If you are able to support the event by baking some cakes, your donations would be very welcome. Please deliver any cakes/biscuits to pre-school on the morning of the 18th March.

Easter Disco

❖ **Saturday 19 March, 2-4pm at St. Lukes Hall**

A party for all the family so come along and get your dancing shoes on! Drinks and snacks will be available for the children. Tickets can be bought from staff or committee members from Monday 7th March. They'll also be available to buy on the door. Tickets will cost £3.00 per person, or £10.00 for a family ticket. You don't have to attend pre-school to come along so **please tell your friends** - the more the merrier!!



Sponsored Walk

❖ **Sunday 8th May, 10.30am**

This will take place at **Brereton Heath** and proves very popular every year. It's a great day, fun for all the family and a great opportunity to meet some of the other families from pre-school. Bring your lunches and join us for a picnic afterwards ☺

Important dates

- Key person evenings will be arranged during April/May. Further information will follow.
- Don't forget its Mother's day on Sunday 6th March!

Note pre-school closes for Easter on Thursday 24th March and re-opens Monday 11th April.

Pre-school uniform

Good quality **t-shirts and jumpers** with the pre-school logo on are available to buy. Order forms are available in the pre-school foyer (behind the door!) or please speak to a member of staff.



Website

For further information on all aspects of the pre-school, please log-on to our website, at www.hccp.org.uk. We are currently updating it and hope to launch our new website very soon!

Term dates

Spring Term 2016

- ❖ Tuesday 5 Jan - Friday 12 Feb
- ❖ Half-term: 15-19 Feb
- ❖ Monday 22 Feb - Thursday 24 Mar

Summer Term 2016

- ❖ Monday 11 April - Friday 27 May (Note: May Day 2 May pre-school closes)
- ❖ Half-term: 30 May - 6 June
- ❖ Tuesday 7 June - Tuesday 19 July

Other fundraising activities

Scoot and Skate

As you may know Scoot and Skate raise money in the Community through running the fun skating sessions on a Friday night. Last term they generously donated £50.00 to pre-school and with the money we were able to by a Tuff Tray!



For those of you who may be interested, **Scoot and Skate** sessions are held at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre, every Friday evening (during term time), 6-7 pm and it costs, £2.00 per person. Please take your own equipment.

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.

Retailers in the scheme include Amazon, Argos, Apple, John Lewis, Next and many, many more.

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.

Playdoh

Please remember to sign up on our parents/carers **playdoh rota**, which is on the pin board in the pre-school foyer. 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.

Toy Clean

We would like to have the toys cleaned over the Easter holidays. Staff members will make up bags of toys and we would be really grateful if parents/carers could take a bag each home with them, clean the toys and return them to pre-school on the Monday back, 11th April.

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. Mornings are getting fully booked now, but there are afternoon places still available!

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.