



# October 2022 Newsletter

## Welcomes

A warm welcome to our new starters Grace, Nancy, Finn, Astrid, Delilah, Archie and Rolo. We are looking forward to some exciting fun filled days with you!

## Dates for your diary

**Autumn Half Term ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and return Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.**

Autumn Term ends Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays. Return Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

For the full list of term dates please see our website [www.suttonpreschool.com](http://www.suttonpreschool.com)

**Halloween dress up all week from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Halloween Party and Toddlers Stay & Play Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9-11am**

**Bags2School Fundraiser Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Preschool Christmas Fair, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 12-3pm (Big Fundraiser, please be available to help)**

**Christmas Jumper Week Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup>, collection supporting St Leonards**

**Hospice.**

**Preschool Christmas Party and lunch, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**



## Staffing

We now have a full staff team on rota since September. Every child has a key person who will champion and enable their care and learning at preschool. If you are not sure who is your child's key person, please do ask. Debbie is now our Safeguarding lead (formerly Steph) and Alice will take on the deputy safeguard role. Millie is due to attend "Talk Boost" training to enhance how we support speech, language and communication development.

**Bags2School Fundraiser** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, morning collection. Unwanted clothes, towels, bedding, shoes, bags, belts. The more we collect, the more we raise. So please start gathering together a few bin liners full, ready for this collection day.

## Halloween Raffle (Preschool fundraiser)

We are gathering a few raffle gifts; contributions will be gratefully received but not expected. It would be great if you would buy a raffle square or two. £1 per square.



## Halloween Party & Toddlers Stay & Play on a Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9-11am

Our Parent and Toddlers session will be frightful! All friendly little monsters are welcome to share horrid activities and very naughty treats. We will draw the Halloween raffle and parents are welcome to bring cake 😊

Drop-in session, so no need to book. It is £2 per child and £1 for additional siblings.

**Halloween dressing up is encouraged all this week from Monday 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## Preschool Christmas Party & Lunch (all preschool children invited) Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

All children are welcome to join us for this Thursday morning and party lunch. No packed lunch needed this day, instead please pay £2.50 cash per child for a preschool lunch and party pudding. Party games and disco dancing. **You are invited to book your child in for this session if they don't normally attend. (Half day or full, Swap or extra)**

## Christmas Fair Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 12noon-3pm

This is our biggest annual fundraiser and everyone's support and attendance is hugely appreciated. Nearer the time we will need volunteers to run stalls, games and activities. We will ask for hamper donations, cake baking and also toy stall donations. It is always a lovely village event and the children really enjoy it as well!



### Whats the Plan?

We continue letters of the week. M this week. The children become more familiar with the different letter sounds and start to link these to first letter sounds such as P for Preschool. Hearing letter sounds correctly, underpins good future language and spelling skills.

The children at Preschool have been practicing counting using number lines, jumping up and down them, and placing numerals in order and the right way up. Regular counting and using numerals in play builds an easy confidence with numbers on which to build maths skills.

Knowledge and understanding of the world is in sharp focus as we experience the changing season, explore harvest and enjoy some lovely chats about tomatoes, apple trees and grandads compost! We have been enjoying lots of story books including The Little Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly and This Old Man, He Played 1...

We are planning autumn, harvest and remembrance inspired activities, cooking, village walks, bonfire collage and spooky crafting. After half term we will be exploring the nativity story and making the church advent wreath.



### General information

If you need to contact Preschool:

Landline number is 01347 811 741. (Preschool hours only)

Email: [suttonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:suttonpreschool@gmail.com) (Camilla, Debbie & Delphine)

Mobile number is 07957 331 110 (Calls signal permitting, WhatsApp and private messaging)

You're welcome to chat at preschool, please feel free to ask for a private chat in setting at any time

Please contact us during Preschool hours about absences and illness using the above contacts. Bear in mind the landline is the most direct contact, as we are not regularly checking the mobile during busy working hours. Out of hours, please use the Preschool mobile number or email only if you need to urgently contact us.

**Parking** Please at all times park courteously and avoid blocking our neighbours' driveways.



Please remember, preschool is a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Please avoid sending nuts or nut products in your child's pack up.

Our British weather is wonderfully unpredictable and the children enjoy every bit of it. So, with this in mind, **please bring a coat for cold or rainy days**. Spare clothes so they can enjoy waterplay without worry. We have a supply of wellies, but children may like to bring their own. Names in everything is always helpful thanks. (stikins are an option, see below)

**General Health & Fitness**. When colds, flu viruses, and sickness bugs are circulating It is important that you do not send your child to preschool if they are unwell.

### Fundraising

Thank-you for all your support with fundraising.

When booking holidays and weekend breaks, buying insurance or white goods, if you shop via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) you can also support Sutton on the Forest Preschool and Toddlers.



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