



Spring 2023 Newsletter

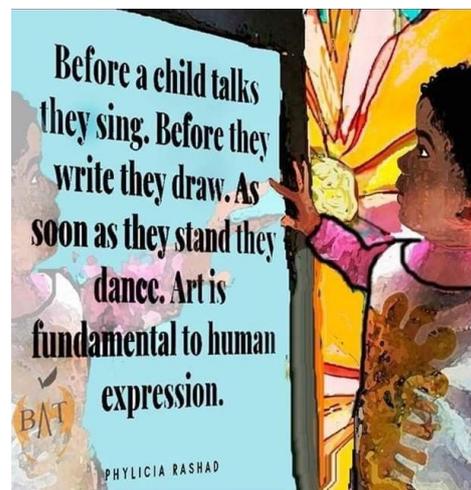
WELCOMES

A warm welcome to our new starters Avah, Maya, Sylvia and Annabelle. We are looking forward to some exciting fun filled days with you!

DIARY DATES 2023

- ***Spring Half Term** ends on Friday 10th February.
Return Mon. 20th February.
- ***Spring Term** ends Friday 31st March for the Easter holidays.
Return Tuesday 18th April.
- ***Parent Stay & Play** Mornings every Friday
plus Thursday 19/01/23 & Monday 06/02/23.
- ***Preschool Easter Party** on Thursday 30th March.
Plus an Easter themed Toddlers morning on the 31st.

For the full list of term dates please see our website
suttonpreschool@gmail.com.



Welcome from the Preschool Committee

Welcome to both those families who are new to Sutton Preschool, and those who have been with us for some time. We are very excited to have you as a part of this unique village preschool.

As a parent, I've always been extremely impressed with the outstanding level of care and dedication the staff give to each child's early development. In my role as Chair, my aim is to support everything that is great about Sutton Preschool and help carry this forward.

Who are we?

Sutton Preschool is a charity, run by a volunteer parent committee, with the sole aim of providing high quality and affordable childcare for local families. We currently have three committee members: Helen Clark (standing in as Treasurer), Michelle Dawson (Secretary) and myself, Camilla Jowett (Chair). Our role is to oversee the running of Preschool (everything from supporting staff to managing the accounts and coordinating administration).

What makes us special?

Most of all, it is our wonderful team of enthusiastic staff who create a safe, happy and nurturing environment in which the children are able to flourish. In addition, because we are a charity, all the money we raise goes towards providing first rate childcare to local families. We rely on the generosity of our patrons and the wider community we serve to help finance larger projects (such as updating our outdoor play area and investing in new equipment).

How can you get involved?

We are currently looking to recruit a new Treasurer to start as soon as possible (a comprehensive hand over will be given) and a new Chair from September 2023 when I will step down. Preschool is only sustainable if current parents take on these roles moving forward.

If you would like to become a part of the Sutton Preschool team, either as a member of the committee or as a willing helper, we would love to hear from you. To express an interest in being more involved, to get more information, or just to have a chat, please do get in touch with me at:

suttonpreschool@gmail.com.

Best wishes and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Camilla Jowett

FUNDRAISING

Thank-you for all your support with fundraising. Halloween, Christmas Fair, Bags2School, Easyfundraising, Stikins, MyNameTags and Amazon Smile. These funds pay for the maintenance of our outdoor area, craft supplies, new equipment and the coach for our summer outing. Your involvement really does add value to our Preschool. Thank-you



Bags2School Fundraiser Friday 9th June 2023

Morning collection. Unwanted clothes, towels, bedding, shoes, bags, belts. The more we collect, the more we raise. So please start gathering a few bin liners full, ready for this collection day. Please ask your wider family also if possible.



Easter Raffle This will be our next fundraiser for Preschool and your support is much appreciated. Donations list and raffle numbers at Preschool nearer the date.

Preschool Easter party on Thursday 30th March. ALL children are invited. Please let Debbie/Del know if you would like your child to attend this as a swap or additional session, half or full day.

This fun filled party day will include an egg hunt and drawing the raffle winners in the morning.

STAFF/ KEY PERSON

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 any staff member. We invite parents each half term to a stay and play in the morning. This allows opportunity to talk to staff and have a look at your child's learning journey folder. You are also welcome to view your child's folder at any time or you can ask to borrow it. When your child transitions to school, their learning journey will be theirs to keep.

Debbie is our Safeguarding lead and Alice will take on the deputy safeguard role once training is complete. Millie attended "Talk Boost" training and will complete the talk boost program this spring term. It is designed to enhance how we support speech, language and communication development using books music, puppets and story character props. Millie will work one to one with children and in small groups. Working with Millie, the program will form in house training to enhance preschools speech, language and communication pedagogy(enabling children to learn).

Annual Fee Increase

Further to our recent committee meeting, it was unanimously decided that a small fee increase will take place from the beginning of the Summer Term (April 2023). Sutton Preschool is a charity which is run by volunteers. The money paid by parents is used to pay the Village Hall hire fees, provide materials, snacks and equipment for the children, and importantly to ensure that our fantastic team of staff are paid a fair wage.

Any profits raised are used to invest in improving the quality of the experience we offer our children. We endeavour to keep our fees as affordable as possible, but, as I'm sure you can appreciate, we have rising costs to contend with and do need to increase our fees to remain viable. Despite this increase, we are confident that we remain highly competitive on price.

The new charges will be as follows:

Session	Amount
8.30am – 11.45am (Morning Session) 3.25hrs @ £5 per hour	£16.25
11.45am – 12.45pm (Lunch Club) 1hr @ £5 per hour	£5.00
12.45pm – 4pm (Afternoon Session) 3.25hrs @ £5 per hour	£16.25

WHATS THE PLAN?

Stories. This half term we shall immerse ourselves in stories. Hearing them, reading them, recreating and creating them. Together we will explore different ways to express or represent a story. Children are invited to share their stories with us. It could be a story about themselves or a favourite book. It could be your favourite story that you like to share with your child. We will also explore the lovely text, language and illustrations found in books, inspiring and encouraging them to be treasured. (World book day Thursday 2nd March)

We'll be refreshing the song bag to encourage a fresh enthusiasm for singing.

Chinese New Year, Sunday 22nd January. We will enjoy the story and animals associated with this colourful theme. This year will be the year of the rabbit.

Also a 'Mini Beasts' focus on our outdoors activities, showing children how to explore and research information about these fascinating little creatures.



General information

If you need to contact Preschool:

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

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

Absences

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.

Fundraising Links

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



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