



# March 2017 Newsletter

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening for the Nursery Class is being held on Monday 13 March and for the Lions Class on both Monday 13 and Wednesday 15 March. If you haven't yet made an appointment then please speak to Shirley.

## Lemur Project

As you may be aware we have been chosen to work alongside Prof John Siraj-Blatchford and Lynnette Brock regarding sustainability in the early years. This has been linked to lots of different projects including bird watching on web cameras and more recently educating the children in the awareness of lemurs becoming extinct in the rain forest. On March 16th we have the BBC South East and local press coming in to film our activity on hide and seek using transmitter wristbands and VHF radio telemetry where the children put themselves into the role of hider and seeker. This sort of play is valuable because it supports the development of empathy and the ability to recognise links with the natural world. A poster in the shape of a lemur has been made up with the faces of the children from the Lions Wednesday afternoon group for you and we would appreciate it if you could advertise this poster e.g. back of your car window. It will also be circulated around the villages to promote the KCC/Aspinal Foundation funding to buy radio tracking equipment to protect the lemurs of Madagascar.

## Quiz Night

Thank you to all those who participated we raised an amazing £489.

## Sponsored Tub Fill

Thank you to all those parents who have returned your child's tub. We hope you had lots of fun finding items. If you haven't yet returned your tub or your form please bring them in as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017

We shall be collecting Active Kids Vouchers for 2017. A box has been placed in the foyer for your vouchers.

## Easter Egg Hunt

We shall be holding an Easter Egg Hunt suitable for Pre-School and Primary School children on Saturday 1 April from 2.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. at Grays and the adjacent field. Tickets are £3.50 or £6 for two. Come prepared with wellies and waterproofs if the weather is not so good.

## Paddock Wood Half Marathon

Jade Hollett-Digby is taking part in this year's Paddock Wood Half Marathon and is running on behalf of the Pre-School. If you would like to sponsor Jade please use the following link <http://virginmoneygiving.com/charities/brenchleypreschool>

## A Date for your Diary - May Fayre/Sports Day

Saturday 13 May - more information to follow in the next Newsletter.

## Glitz and Glamour Ball

We shall be holding a Glitz and Glamour Ball on Saturday 10 June at The High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets cost £55 each and include a drink and canapes on arrival, a three course meal and half a bottle of wine or soft drinks. Tickets can be purchased individually or if you can get together with a group of friends, tables seat 10. You can also pay for your tickets in two instalments if you prefer. Please return the completed flyers or let Shirley know of your interest.

## Fees

Any fees still outstanding for Terms 3 & 4 must be paid in full by Friday 31 March. Thank you.

## Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 6 March the letter will be W and the following week will be X and so on. Please only bring in items for Show & Tell that are connected with Sound of the Week. This is for you as parents to be involved in helping your child's emerging phonetic sounds.

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### **Book Bags**

Please check and clear your child's book bag of all their drawings etc on a daily basis. The children take a lot of pride what they are doing and are keen that Mummy or Daddy see their work.

### **Recycling**

As part of our Sustainability Project we are teaching the children about recycling. We would welcome any clean small cardboard boxes and comics/suitable magazines you may be throwing away as well as any unwanted material/ribbons. Thank you.

### **Dropping off/Collection Time**

It has come to our attention that some parents are parking in the road adjacent to the Pre-School when dropping off/collecting their child. May we remind you that this is a private road and as such should not be used under any circumstances. Thank you.

### **Clothing and Footwear Code**

**Please ensure that all items of clothing including coats and shoes are named.** We shall be going out into the garden every day so please ensure your child has a - jumper/coat to wear and that wellie boots should be clean and free of mud.

### **Communication**

If your child is unable to attend their session due to sickness, holidays, etc could you please report this as soon as possible to the Pre-School by **telephone (01892 724261) asap and not** via Facebook.

If someone else has to collect your child, even if they are on our emergency contact sheet, please telephone us on the day. Alternatively if you know when you drop your child off in the morning please inform a member of staff and write who will be collecting your child either on the board (Lions Class) or book (Nursery). Please check your child's red Book Bag regularly for any communication we may be sending home. Any return correspondence needs to be handed to Shirley or a member of staff.

### **Collection Times**

Could we please remind parents/carers that our collection times are 12 noon and 3.30 p.m. We have in the past had several occasions where a child has not been collected until 3.50 p.m. which obviously causes problems with safety/staffing issues. So please collect your child prior to collecting any older siblings from Primary School. Thank you.

### **Lunchboxes**

**Please ensure that all lunchboxes are named.**

Following FSA guidelines we will remove any out of date items that we find in your child's lunchbox as failure to do so could result in the Pre-School being liable for a hefty fine.

As we have several children at Pre-School with nut allergies, please **DO NOT** give your child any nuts or nut based products in their lunchboxes. To prevent choking incidents please ensure that any grapes, tomatoes or soft fruit i.e. cherries are cut into quarters and that any stones have been removed. As these items can be a **CHOKING HAZARD**.

### **Dogs at Pre-School**

As several of our children are frightened of dogs in close proximity, could you please consider leaving your dog at home/in the car when dropping off/collecting your child. Thank you

### **Term Dates 2017**

Term 4: **Tues 21 Feb** - Fri 31 Mar

Term 5: **Tues 18 Apr** - Fri 26 May

Term 6: **Mon 5 Jun** - Thurs 20 July

**Please note the Leavers Concert will take place on Friday 21 July at 9.15 a.m.**

### **Dates to Note**

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| Parent Evenings:     |                |
| Nursery and Lions    | Mon 13 Mar     |
| Lions only           | Wed 15 Mar     |
| Easter Egg Hunt      | Sat 1 Apr      |
| May Fayre/Sports Day | Sat 13 May     |
| Glitz & Glamour Ball | Sat 10 June    |
| Leavers Concert      | Fri 21 July am |