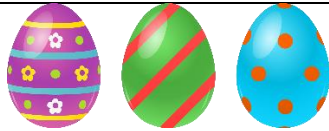


February 2019

Half way through the pre-school year already - its going so quickly - hence the February newsletter in March!



Can anyone help?

We are hoping to run a fundraising 'Easter Egg Hunt' around the village over the Easter holidays. We are trying to make it as eco-friendly as possible and so are looking to decorate 10 egg shaped pieces of wooden board with the children. Would anyone be able to help us with sawing 10 egg shapes, about A4 in size?! We would pay for the materials - we just need someone with the tools and skills to do it!



Cornwall County Council Healthy Under 5's

Whether it's watching videos, playing games on their devices or talking to Alexa, today's under 5s are spending more and more time online. There have been several scary stories in the news and on social media recently about the risks posed by unsupervised time spent on these modern-day tools which children are all too keen to access. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing advice and guidance about how to limit and control your child's access and use of devices, plus offer some useful tips for games/ ways of using devices which will benefit your child's development.



We were greatly saddened to hear that St. John's Pre-school in Camborne closed its doors for the last day on Friday before half term. This was a preschool very much like ours, a charity, committee run one. Unfortunately, due to the funding issues that all early years settings are being forced to deal with, they were no longer financially sustainable and therefore had to make the very difficult decision to shut. They very kindly donated some of their equipment and resources to us, and so we have a new water tray, sand tray, and some great construction sets. A huge thank you to them for thinking of us during a very sad time for them.



Our next Bags2School date will be **Thursday 21st March**. Please hold on to any clothes, shoes, bags, soft cuddly toys you may be getting rid of and fill up the bags we will be giving out next week. The heavier the bags the more money we make! Please bring the bags along to preschool on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th March or first thing on the Thursday morning.



A huge thankyou to Vicky and Rob Fidler, parents of Clara, who have kindly bought the pre-school 6 brand new fleeced lined, waterproof, all in ones for the children to wear on Out & About sessions and rainy days at preschool.



Company Sponsorship?

With ever increasing costs hitting all early years settings, the preschool is looking at different ways of helping to keep us running within the financial limits we have. An idea which has been raised is to see if any companies or businesses would like to 'sponsor' a particular element of the preschool, e.g. a part of our snack outgoings, enough sand for the sand pit for 6 months, a box of paints to last the year. We can then advertise the business or company on our newsletters, which remain up in the parent noticeboard for all to see. If you know of a company or business who might be interested in doing this, please let Rebekah or anyone on the preschool committee know (see the list below).

Committee news: Portreath Pre-school Committee has now been fully formed. These parents are working on behalf of you to help support and manage the pre-school, and are the people to talk to if you have any fundraising ideas or ideas re pre-school generally. (Rebekah and the rest of the staff team are also always available to talk to re this as well!)

Chairperson & Vice chair: Sophie Teague/Claire Whelan (Sienna/Lowen H mums), Treasurer: Vicky Fidler (Clara's mum), Secretary: Natasha Dennis (Barnaby's mum)

Committee members: Lucy Jose (Grover's mum), Paul Cooper (Eddie's Dad), Bernie Harvey (Isla Grace's mum), Laura Johnson (Harvey's mum), Emily Rijkebusch (Ernie's Mum), Alice Blenes (Sophie's Mum), Roselynn Veranneman-Eyre (community member in the village), Becky Smith (Reina's mum).

Without the time and commitment from these people the pre-school would not be able to run so a huge thank you to you all!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Preschool closed due to training day - Friday 22nd March 2019

Last day of Spring term: Friday 5th April 2019

Easter Holidays : Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Preschool opens. Summer term begins

May Half term - Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2019

Summer Holidays begin : Thursday 25th July 2019