

October 2019



Our next Bag2School collection will be on
Thursday 21st November 2019

It has been brought to our attention that Portreath Primary School has booked the same day for their Bag2School collection (we booked our slot before the school booked theirs). The last time this occurred the pre-school received hardly any bags and the amount of money we were able to raise was greatly reduced. We are fully supportive of helping the school also raise money (we know times are hard across all educational establishments) but do ask that you please think of us when deciding where to drop your bags off. Fundraising is the **ONLY** means we have of keeping our heads above water with regards to buying resources. Our funding from the government is at an all-time low. Without regular fundraising we cannot afford to buy any resources for the children or replace/repair ones we already have. Many thanks for your consideration.

PS – We have additional bags if anyone would like any further sacks. 😊

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Healthy Under 5s



This year we are going to be focusing on achieving a 'Plastic Free Nursery' status from Surfers Against Sewage. Installing in our little ones an ethos of caring for our planet is an important part of what we do at pre-school. The current situation the world finds itself in highlights the importance of ensuring that children, even as young as ours, understand what they can do to help reduce damage to the environment.

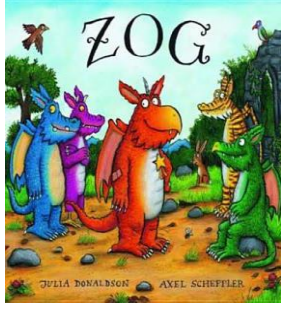
We are looking for parents who would be willing to sign up to support us with this campaign. We are not asking for anything other than a commitment to help support us in trying to reduce single use plastic at the preschool. Please see the Healthy Under 5s noticeboard in the lobby area to sign up and for further information.



Two big 'thank you's' from us – firstly many thanks to everyone who baked and bought cakes and other goodies for/from our Cake Sale last half term. It was lovely to see so many new and old faces attend, and you all helped raise £150.37 which will help us buy some new small world and role play resources for the children.

Also, the local Food Drop sent us a card to say a huge thanks for the Harvest donations. They wrote *"Thank you so much for the very kind donation of your Harvest gifts. It was really appreciated and has helped to feed many people in need over several weeks."*

We will be running our 'Reverse Advent' box again this year to collect donations for this Food Drop in the run up to Christmas.



Snuggledown

Snuggledown - Friday 15th November 2019 6pm to 7pm. We are watching one of our favourites... ZOG. £3.00 per child, Popcorn and hot chocolate for the children. All siblings welcome too. The committee are serving cheese & biscuits on the night for grown-ups (£2.50). Children (and adults too if they wish!) to come in pjs and bring blankets & cushions to snuggle up in, plus their toothbrushes and toothpaste so teeth can be cleaned before leaving for bedtime. This is always a lovely event and we hope lots of you can attend. Please let the pre-school know if you would like to come along but haven't yet bought tickets.



We have been extremely fortunate to receive a donation from Andrew Pritchard and Jamie Singleton of Westcountry Gates and Railings, of a brand new adults mountain bike, worth over **£500** us to use for fundraising. This is a hugely generous donation and we would like to say a big thank you to Andrew and Jamie for it. If anyone has any ideas for how we could best use it to help fundraise please speak to a member of staff or the committee.

Save the Date - **Friday 13th December 6 - 7 pm** we will be holding our **Family Christmas Evening**. Come along and join us for Christmas songs sung by the children, refreshments, raffle, activities for the children and some Christmas stalls. A certain gentleman with a big white beard usually makes an appearance too! 😊 Christmas jumpers optional. Further details to follow soon.



REMINDER – Tempest Photo orders need to be returned to pre-school by Wednesday 6th November.

Parent Questionnaires: Next week we will be handing out our Autumn term questionnaires. These questionnaires help us reflect upon the provision we are providing for your child and you and are always extremely useful and enlightening. Please hand your completed ones to either Rebekah or your child's key person. We thank you for taking the time to complete them.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 6th November 2019 - Tempest photo orders to be returned by.

Friday 15th November 2019 - Snuggledown at the pre-school 6 - 7pm.

Monday 2nd December 2019 - Pre-school will be closed due to staff training.

Friday 13th December 2019 - Pre-school family Christmas Evening 6 - 7pm

Thursday 19th December 2019 - Last day of autumn term before the Christmas holidays begin.

Monday 6th January 2020 - Spring term begins. Pre-school opens.