



Preschool will be back on Monday 2nd November and the last day of term will be the Thursday 17th December when we have our Christmas party from 11am till 1pm. We have already organised Jezo as our entertainer as the children really enjoyed it last year.

Quiz Night

Having worried we would not have enough teams for our Quiz night last week-16th Oct, we managed to have 6 teams and raised £80 for our Christmas party.

It was a fabulous evening and by request of attendees we will be repeating it again in the Spring term, possibly around the half term- Date to be confirmed. This time we will be fundraising for our Summer party.

Planning and Assessment of the children

We've had a review of the way we do our planning and assessment. Each child will be a 'Focus Child' for between 1 to 2 weeks dependant on the amount of sessions they attend. Previous to becoming the Focus Child, parents/carers will be asked to fill in a form detailing what their child likes to do and any specific things happening at home. An appointment with the child's keyworker will be organised with the parents, after the focus time, to share the keyworkers findings and the child's next steps. When we plan our environment it is based around each child's next steps and their individual interests. Notes in the diaries from parents really help us plan for their child.

School Visits

We visited Sutton school last week and have another visit to Potton Lower planned for 2nd Dec.

We take the children to school in either Jackie's or Mandy's cars or a Taxi. All have business insurance to cover transporting children. For Sutton and Wrestlingworth Schools we take and bring them back to Woodentops so usual pick up from Woodentops. For Potton Lower we ask parents to meet us there at 3.20pm. We ask parents to provide us with car seats, we do have 3 high backed car seats and some Britax 5 point car seats but would prefer to use the children's own car seats. Our next school trip will be on 2nd December to Potton Lower school.

Diary Dates

23rd Oct- Half term

2nd Nov- preschool back

3rd Nov- Lower schools back

6th Nov- Staff meeting

10th Nov- Bags 2 school collection

11th Nov- Fruit tasting

session with Judith from Asda

12th Nov- Healthy U5's visit session at 1.30pm

26th Nov- Jackie attending Healthy Eating Award training

30th Nov-Elke, Childcare Dev Officer visiting

2nd Dec- Visit to Potton Lower School

10th Dec PLS Xmas play

11th Dec-Nativity play at

11.15 with coffee and mince pies

17th Dec- last day of term and Xmas party 11 till 1pm

5th Jan- preschool starts back

15th Jan- Lower School

applications must be in now

Staff Training

Our staff are really enthusiastic about developing their knowledge so we have organised some training sessions.

These include Autism Awareness; Paediatric First Aid; Safeguarding; Letters and sounds training; literacy skills training; Managing Feelings & Behaviour; Music Outdoors and Enabling Play.

Karen is just finishing off her Level 3 Communication, Speech and Language course.

Jackie's just finished Train the Trainer- Safeguarding, so she can train staff.

Lift off to Language- the funding has been withdrawn but we are continuing with our sessions as we feel this benefits all the children.

Christmas Play

Please save the 11th December as this is when we will do our Christmas play.

It's due to start at or around 11.30, and parents can join us for coffee/tea and mince pies. We're hoping the children will be showing you a variety of their pictures all based around Christmas and we're hoping they will sing some songs.

All children will be involved so those that do not usually attend on a Friday will be expected to come.

Also parents, grandparents and carers are all invited to see the play.

Potton Lower School

We have been invited to Potton Lower School on the 10th December to watch Reception class perform their Christmas play. It's from 1.45pm until 2.15.

The children that usually attend will be able to come to school with us and we will return back to preschool for snack.

Those that are at home with parents/carers are welcome to attend with their parents/carers but they will have to remain the responsibility of their parents/carers whilst at school.

Diaries

Thank you to all of you for bringing in the children's diaries. These are a great way of sharing information with us and us with you. When you read the book in the book bag- please write in the diary to say how your child has enjoyed it.

Clothing

With the weather getting colder please bring in wellies, coats, hats scarves and gloves. We go outside in each session and the children love to explore out there and will do better if they are wrapped up warm.

Xmas cards

This year we thought we'd ask you if your children would like to make Xmas cards- a maximum of 10 per child. Please tell the first week back so we can plan it in with our planning.

School Open Days

Potton Lower School- 20th Nov 10am till 12pm. <http://www.pottonlower.co.uk>

Wrestlingworth Lower School- date to be confirmed

<http://www.duntonwrestlingworthschool.com/wrestlingworth-school>

Sutton Lower School- has had their open day, please phone to book a visit

<http://www.suttonvalowerschool.org.uk/>