



# ST GEORGE'S PRE-SCHOOL HINTON ST GEORGE

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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

This will be my last letter for this academic year and therefore I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my thanks and thoughts to everyone involved with the pre-school.

## STAFF NEWS

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff - Sharron, Louisa, Sharon, Ali and Lotty. I know that they spend a huge amount of their own time, as well as their time in pre-school, planning and preparing activities in order to nurture and encourage our children. It is through their dedication that our children enjoy coming to pre-school and have the skills they need to move on up to 'big school'.

Congratulations to Lotty who this year qualified at NVQ Level 2 in childcare. She has been with us for a couple of years now, initially on work experience and, because she enjoyed it so much, now as a member of staff. This means that now we are lucky enough for all our staff to be qualified with at least NVQ level 2.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

I would like to say a huge thank you to all my fellow committee members who, once again, have arranged all the fundraising and social events, as well as putting in time to ensure that the pre-school is fully funded and administered properly.

The Committee actively encourage and need parents to get involved in order to maintain all aspects of the pre-school. It's not such hard work and it can be great fun and very rewarding. We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** where all committee members are voted in. It would be great to see the support of **all** parents, old and new!

As I have said before, and can only reiterate - **OUR PRE-SCHOOL IS A CHARITY - WITHOUT AN ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE THERE WOULD BE NO PRE-SCHOOL.**

If anyone thinks they would like to become involved with the committee next year, please do come and speak to any of the current committee members or email me at the address below and I would be delighted to chat it through with you.

## QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all the parents who returned their questionnaires. The replies show that you really appreciate what we do at pre-school and the way it is run. The main comments related to the "approachable", "caring" and "friendly" staff team, the "close links with the first school" and the "small class sizes". We certainly intend to continue running this way in the coming year.

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We will also take on board any suggestions or comments. One suggestion which we will look at is to try to have more people coming into pre-school to do talks/question and answers sessions with the children in order to help their experiences of our environment grow. Suggestions were farmer, fireman, doctor etc. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping with this then please do get in touch. I'm sure that both the staff and children would make you very welcome.

There was also a comment about the 'storing' of musical instruments from the school at the bottom of the staircase. We are in discussions with the First School about what can be done about this as it has, indeed, been identified as a fire risk.

We are always keen to improve on the way we communicate with parents and carers. We now have an email address where any member of staff or committee can be contacted (see bottom of letter). If you provide us with your email address then we can also communicate messages to you this way, which saves both time and money. Remember that you can also telephone pre-school to discuss issues or speak to members of staff at the beginning or end of a session if you feel it is necessary.

#### END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The annual Teddy Bear's Picnic will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July in the morning at the village hall. Hopefully we will be lucky with the weather and it will be a time for parents, staff and children to get together and have fun. It will also be a time to say goodbye to those who will be beginning school in September and hello to those who will be new to us next year. I hope you can make it.

The summer outing is being held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. This year we are going to The Fun Farm in Taunton where we are assured to meet a variety of exotic and not so exotic animals...I look forward to seeing you all there.

Pre-school is closed to children on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July so that staff can tidy up and organise things before the summer holidays. The autumn term begins again on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. Goodbye and good luck to all our leavers - no doubt we will still see most of you around at 'big school'. We look forward to welcoming all the new children in September.

Kind Regards,

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