



January 2018 Newsletter

Welcome Back!!

We hope you all had a good and restful Christmas Break with your little ones and that they were eager to return!

Allergies & Lunch boxes

Please can we remind you that **NUTS** should not be bought into the pre-school.

Some children can suffer an extreme, sometimes life threatening, reaction to them, even when not ingested.

Also - please can you cut up, long ways, any grapes put in their lunchbox to reduce the risk of choking.

Spring Term Dates 2018

Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February

Half Term 10th -18th February

19th February – 29th March

Easter Break 30th March -15th April

Pre School Quiz Night : Date TBC

Easter Party 29th March

School Starts Back 16th April 2018



We would like to welcome our newest member of staff to the team - Phil. Phil started towards the end of the school term and we hope that he is settling in well.



**Please make sure that
your contact details are up
to date**

Wet Weather Clothes

As we promote outdoor play as much as possible; please may we ask that you ensure your child has some suitable clothing and appropriate footwear, such as boots or wellies so they can fully enjoy the outside play area and that all items are named. Also a spare set of clothes in their bags should be provided.



Clothes Labelling

Please ensure that **ALL** items that are bought into pre-school are labelled with your child's name.

This Half Terms Topics:

- 8th January - Who's in my family?
- 15th January – Pets in our family
- 22nd January – Emotions
- 29th January – Our Environment
- 5th February – My favourite toys

The New Committee

Chairperson: Nicola Watkiss
Secretary: Georgina Coombes
Treasurer: Richard Noble
Fundraising Co-ordinator: Amy Barton
Social Media: Charlie Roberts

General Members

Charlie Prestidge
Andy Prestidge
Cindy Hunter
James Comper

If you would like to get in contact with the committee please email

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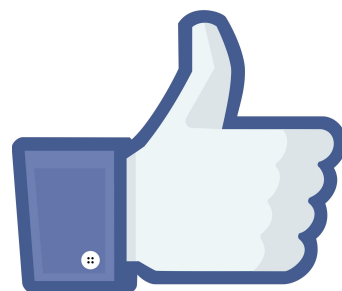


You Can Help!

Are you able to come in half an hour early and do some washing up? Do you have a talent or a hobby that will entertain and enrich the children? Or would you just like to come along and generally help out. Please speak to Sarah or Jane about Volunteering.

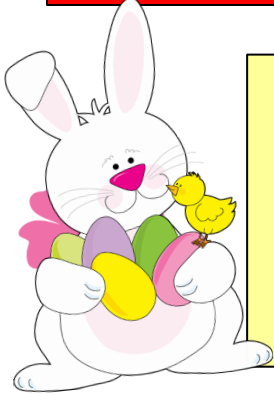


Don't forget to like the Facebook page for additional updates



Come and stay and play

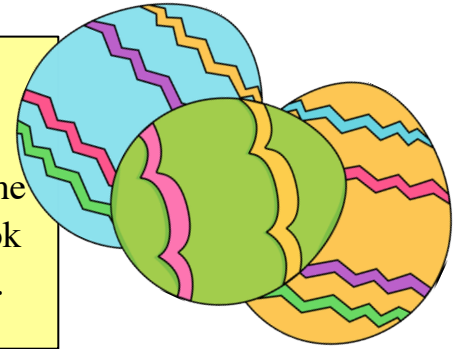
We always welcome parents/
grandparents/relatives to stay and
play.....just book in with a member of
staff



Easter Party

29th March 2018 (Morning only)

All children that attend pre-school are invited to the
Easter Party and we can confirm that we have book
the Farm to visit. A letter will be sent out shortly.



Fee Increase

From February half term break, the fees will be increased to £5.20 per hour and lunch club will be increased to £3.00 per session.

We don't like to increase fees. However, with the shortfall from the funded hours we have had to.

This was another reason for Mulberry Pre-School to opt out of offering the 30 funded hours of childcare.

To try and explain this we have put the below together:

All 3 and 4 year olds in England are entitled to 570 hours of funded early education or childcare a year.
Which means you child is entitled to a maximum of 15hrs per week for 38 weeks of the year.

The Pre-School Learning Alliance, which represents nurseries, estimates there is a 20% shortfall in the government funding being given to providers.

For Example (these are not our actual figures)

Fees per hour £5.00, Government funding only pays £4.00 per hour

£1.00 loss for every child for every funded hour at pre-school

£15.00 loss per week (£1.00 x 15hrs)

This equates to **£570.00 loss** (£15.00 x 38hrs) per child per annum.

This is a huge loss of income and this is why we rely on donations, volunteering and support from you.
This in turn enables us to employ our highly qualified and experience staff.

Drop off and Collection

We would ask all parents / guardians / carers to ensure that they are in the foyer at drop off and collection times. Staff will often want to relay information to you about your child and if the above are not present this will cause difficulties. Please do not rely on other parents to supervise your children.

Thank you