



Newsletter September

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Curriculum News

A very warm **welcome** to all the children and parents joining us at Funtime Pre school this term. We would also like to welcome back the families that are returning after the summer break. The children have really enjoyed meeting each other and we know they will have great fun together.

We got off to an exciting start in our first week learning about **“Myself and my Family”**, focusing on close family activities and expressing feelings. For some it was their first separation from Mummy and Daddy.

This week the theme was **“Squidgy, Goopy and Messy”**! The children have had something a little different to play with: cold pasta, jelly, custard, shaving foam and mud! They have benefited greatly from learning about new textures, smells...and tastes!

Next week we are talking about the **Harvest Festival**; how different foods are grown, where they come from and how they arrive at the shops for us to purchase. When shopping can we ask you to talk about the different products available, and point out the different produce in fields and gardens. We will be promoting healthy eating with the children.

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Staff Training News

The staff are looking forward to developing their skills through some exciting courses coming up over the next term. Karen is attending a course about the provision for Special Educational Needs, whilst Rebecca will be attending a course entitled 'Play with a Purpose'. Frances and Sarah will be going on a course called 'Make it Happen' this term.

Angie and Rebecca had a very interesting seminar with Leading Foundation Teacher Caroline Ardley, from Park Gate School, with whom they discussed some really exciting tools to encourage mark making skills both inside and out. Caroline believes in creating environments that encourage social skills relating to real life experiences. Using interests from both genders she creates areas that stimulate boys' and girls' imaginations and support their learning development.

Dates for your Diary



Halloween Party
2.00-4.00

30th Oct

Quiz Night
7.30 for 8.00 start

19th Nov

Children's Christmas Party
9.00-12.00

17th Dec

Forthcoming Events

We have a host of events coming up this term for parents and children alike. October 30th is our **Halloween Party**; children (and siblings) are invited to come along in fancy dress between 2-4pm to sing and dance along with Maracca Jacks, enjoy some party games and food. Tickets will be on sale soon.



The **Quiz Night** is back! After the success of last term's quiz night, the fun returns on Friday 19th November. Come and join us for just £3 a ticket! Ticket price includes nibbles and entry to the quiz, there will also be a bar and raffle on the evening. Tickets will be available after half term.



Fundraising



A huge thank you to all parents and children who supported our cake sale at the end of last term. Our total for the week was £66.80!

A brilliant way of helping the Pre-school raise money whilst you are browsing the internet is buy using the website www.buy.at/funtimepreschool Simply by clicking on this page first and then navigating to many popular stores the Pre-school can earn between 1-10% on purchases. It really is that simple! This is an excellent way of family and friends helping Pre-school too without them having to dig deep into their pockets. Some of the biggest brand names are listed below, for a full list please log on to the "buy at" website and click the A-Z tab.

ASDA

Haven

kiddicare.com
The UK's Favourite Baby Website

PLAY.COM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
amazon.co.uk

YOUR M&S

Volunteers

WE WELCOME ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO STAY AND PLAY WITH CHILDREN DURING THE SESSION. In the foyer there is a rota for volunteers, but please come and join us if you find yourselves free - the children love seeing new faces, and you might enjoy it!

Contacting the Pre school

The Pre-school phone number is 07751 578252 and is switched on from 8.00am until 3.45pm. Outside of these times, or if the staff cannot get to the phone, you can leave a voice message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you can leave a text message.

Call Pre-school if:

- your child is ill & won't be attending
- you will be delayed collecting your child
- someone else will be collecting your child

Speak to a member of staff if:

- you want to know how your child has been doing during the session
- you have any queries regarding your child's time at Pre-school

Contact Marisa, our administrator, if:

- you would like to change your child's sessions
- you have any queries with fees and invoices

Contact anyone on the committee if:

- you have any great ideas for fundraising
- you want to become more involved in how Pre-school is run.

Congratulations!

Our warmest congratulations go out to Karen and her husband Max on the birth of their first grandchild. Karen and Max's daughter Tara lives in Scotland and gave birth last week to a healthy baby boy named Ethan, weighing 7lb +.



Admissions

The age for admissions is now 2 years 6 months, so if your family has any siblings reaching pre-school age, please come in and ask for an application form.

Polite notice

Please remember St Margaret Mary Church is a no-smoking site and parents should not smoke outside the hall while waiting to pick up their children. Please extinguish all cigarettes on the street before entering the Church site, thank you.