



LITTLE MELTON PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY



Little Melton Pre-School Newsletter - September 2019

Welcome back

We hope you all had a great summer recess and warmly welcome you back for the autumn term. An extended welcome to all those who have recently joined us!

We have a lot to look forward to in the lead up to Christmas, with a busy fundraising programme planned. Your enthusiasm and support as ever is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your kind contributions so far this year; we hope you have fun supporting our Preschool!

Following on from committee meeting on 11th September, we are pleased to confirm the following dates for forthcoming events:

Pumpkin Decorating Competition - Monday 28th - Thursday 31st October

Following the success of our Pumpkin decorating competition last year, we invite you to get creative again with another spooky design! Carve, paint, or decorate your pumpkin (or vegetable), entering your creepy creation between the 28th - 31st October to be in with a chance of winning a prize. The winner will be announced at the Halloween coffee morning on Thursday 31st October. We kindly ask parents and carers to donate £1 to enter.



Halloween Coffee Morning - Thursday 31st October, 11.30am

Join us for a creepy coffee morning at the Preschool! There will be a tombola as well as drinks and cakes available. A fantastic opportunity for parents, carers and staff to meet and make new friends. Also for £1, we strongly encourage you to dress up for the occasion; zombies, ghosts, wizards and witches all welcome!



Little Melton Christmas Table Top Fair - Saturday 23rd November, 10am - 1pm

Join us for our annual Christmas table top fair at the Little Melton Primary School. There will be lots of fun activities; raffles, refreshments, face painting and wonderful crafts and quality second hand goods on offer. If you are interested in booking a table, please let a member of staff know and we will pop a booking form in your child's tray.



Little Melton Wreath Making Workshop -Friday 13th December, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Join us for an evening of wreath making at the Little Melton Village Hall. Get creative making a beautiful festive wreath to take home and hang proudly on your door. No previous experience required, just come and have a go! All materials will be provided but please feel free to bring anything you would like to incorporate for that added

personalised touch! Ticket cost is £30 which includes materials, a glass of mulled wine (or soft drink) and a mince pie.

To secure your place, please email littlemeltonpreschool@gmail.com or call 07843387010.



Next committee meeting 16th October

We welcome all parents and carers to come along to future committee meetings and always love to hear new ideas for fundraising! Please inform Jo, Sarah Hawken or any member of staff if you would like to attend.

From the Staff

A very warm welcome back to everybody this term and to all our new children and families starting with us. We hope you all had a lovely summer

Committee

A very big thank you to our parents who have agreed to be on our committee this year, two of which have agreed to stay on even though they have no children at nursery at present time. We are a committee run nursery and cannot legally run without these volunteers or in fact survive without their hard work fundraising for the nursery. You do not have to be a named person to get involved with the preschool, all parents and families are invited to attend our committee meetings held every couple of months. A great way to find out more and have your say! Also support (volunteering help, cake making or attending) at fundraising events is always needed and appreciated.

Chair: Sarah Hawken (Summer's Mum)

Secretary: Jade Brown (Noah's Mum)

Treasurer: David King (Hallie Whitbourn's Grandad)

Named member: Justin Ritchie (Isla Ritchie's Dad)

Named Member: Beth MacQueen (Jacob's Mum)

Planning

Our planning is based around 'All about me' this term, a copy can be found on the notice board in the lobby as you come in.

We will be talking about 'what we did over the summer' and 'things I like' at carpet time and children can bring in a small item from home to talk about to encourage them to have confidence to speak in front of their peers.

We are also looking at the house we live in and comparing it to other types of houses around the world.

Tapestry

We really like our online journal system to record your child's interests and developments at preschool. This is designed to be a two-way system and for this to work we would encourage you to add your own photos and comments. It can be absolutely anything at all, don't over think it, and we also encourage you to comment/like our posts. If you need any help to do this please just come and ask. We also use tapestry on some occasions to send out general information.

Donations

We kindly ask for donations such as tissues, drawing paper and wipes to help us with our limited funding. We use a lot of these items and our government funding does unfortunately not meet our costs. Any items donated are always very gratefully received.

Housekeeping

To help us out greatly please could you ensure the following:

All children have a **labelled** bag with a spare set of clothes, nappies and wipes if required and any other items appropriate for the weather eg sun hat etc

All water bottles should be labelled with your child's name and contain **water only**, no juice please. Coats should also have your child's name in them.

No toys should be brought in from home.

Uniform

The nursery has its own sweatshirts and polo shirts with the preschool logo on it for sale at £7 an item. This stops their own clothes getting dirty and also gives them a sense of identity and that it's a school day. This is also a good stepping stone towards going to school. If you would like uniform then come and ask any staff member.

Dates

Christmas dates will be confirmed as soon as possible, we will have a nativity play which is highly likely to be the week commencing 9th December.

We will confirm a visit to the church in December as soon as possible.

Christmas party for all children is on December 18th when we have an entertainer, games and party food. All children are invited to this and parents return at 11.30 for Father Christmas to visit us.

As always if you have any questions or queries, we are always happy to talk to you

Regards

Jo Runeckles (Supervisor)

TERM DATES FOR 2019-2020

Autumn Half Term	Nursery closes on Friday 18 th October 2019	Nursery re-opens on Monday 28 th October 2019
Christmas Holidays	Nursery closes on Wednesday 18 th December 2019	Nursery re-opens on Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring Half Term	Nursery closes on Friday 14 th February 2020	Nursery re-opens on Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter Holidays	Nursery closes on Wednesday 1 st April 2020	Nursery re-opens on Monday 20 th April 2020
Bank Holiday	Nursery closed on Monday 4 th May 2020	
Summer Half Term	Nursery closes on Friday 22 nd May 2020	Nursery re-opens Monday 1 st June 2020
Summer Term Ends	Nursery closes on Tuesday 21 st July 2020	

These dates are as advised by Norfolk County Council.