



Newsletter – September 2021

Autumn Term

A very warm welcome back to all children, parents and carers, and a special welcome to those who have recently joined us. It is fantastic to see some sense of 'normality' at the Preschool this term with the children going in together and parents/carers coming into the setting at pick up. It's a small difference, but a longed-for change; and it is lovely to walk in to see happy, smiley faces and some excellent (if slightly reluctant) 'walking feet'! It has also allowed the staff that all important face-to-face time with parents, which is so important to all of us.

I am excited to announce the first of our fundraising events for this academic year, now that we have slightly more flexibility in what we can offer. Despite the pandemic, the support we have received over the last year has been exceptional. The Bikeathon in July raised an incredible £710, and the Summer Fair raised a whopping £865! We would like to thank parents, carers, grandparents, extended family and friends for your enthusiasm and support previously, and in advance for the year ahead. Looking forward, our fundraising ideas aim to be fun and interesting for children and parents alike, whilst being mindful of Government advice regarding the pandemic.

Halloween 'Ghost Hunt' & Coffee morning – Thursday 21st October

Parents are invited to join their children at 11.15 in the main hall for a fantastically frightening 'Ghost Hunt' in the Preschool garden! Children will be challenged to find as many friendly ghosts as they can with the help of their parents for the chance to win a prize. Following the ghost hunt we will announce the winners of the pumpkin competition (details below), after which parents and carers are invited to join us for tea, coffee and cake. There will also be some games for the children and a tombola, so please bring your spare change with you! We kindly ask that adults wear a mask unless exempt whilst moving around inside the setting. **Fancy dress for all children is encouraged for this day!** If your child does not normally attend on a Thursday they are welcome to join us at 11.15 accompanied by a parent/carer.



Pumpkin Decorating Competition - Thursday 21st October

Following the success of our Pumpkin decorating competition last year, we invite all children to get creative again with another spooky design! Carve, paint, or decorate your pumpkin (or vegetable), entering your creepy creation into our competition for a chance to win a prize. Please bring in your pumpkin on the 21st October to display on the table which will be positioned just outside the main door. The winner will be announced at the end of the 'Ghost Hunt'. We kindly ask parents and carers to donate £2 to enter this competition.



The Active 10 Challenge - throughout November

Calling all Pre-schoolers!! We would love the pre-schoolers to challenge themselves this November to learn a new skill or push themselves doing something they love and raise a minimum of £10 in sponsorship for the setting. Perhaps bounce a ball 10 times, walk or jog for 10 minutes, roll 10 metres or even balance for 10 seconds... whilst dressed as your favourite superhero!! Be as imaginative as you like and record your challenge with photos or videos to show your friends on Tapestry. Look out for a form in your child's tray towards the end of October. Good Luck!



Next committee meeting - Date to be confirmed

On Tuesday 12th October at 1845 we will be holding our AGM at the Village Inn pub in Little Melton and as always, we would like to encourage parents and carers to come along. This term we will be saying goodbye to our previous secretary, Jade Brown, and committee member, Bethany MacQueen. We will also be welcoming some new volunteers to our team. We always love to hear fundraising ideas too so please inform Jo, myself or any member of staff if you would like to attend, or if you are interested in joining the committee.

Feel free to chat to me anytime at drop off or pick up if you have any questions.

Sarah (Halle's Mum)
Committee Chair

From the staff

Thank you Sarah, as you say welcome back to all our children and their families this term and a very warm welcome to all our new children who have started with us this September. We are really pleased that parents and carers can now come in to the hall to collect their child enabling us to have more positive contact with all our families. We do politely request face coverings should be worn to protect all the staff and others to ensure the nursery keeps running.

Housekeeping

The committee has done an amazing job with fund raising the past academic year and the events organised so far look great fun. Unfortunately, our income does not match our outgoings making this necessary to keep the nursery running.

To help with our costs we kindly ask parents to donate the following; tissues, liquid hand soap, antibacterial wipes, antibacterial hand gel and drawing paper. We also ask for a donation towards the snack provided every day (information should have gone out in your tray)

Please could parents ensure that all items brought from home are clearly labelled with your child's name. If not labelled we will write in their name with a permanent marker.

Suitable indoor shoes (not slippers) should be provided each day to wear during the session, they need to be suitable for use on the climbing frame and more physical activities.

Whatsapp Group

For the past two years we have set up a parents/staff Whatsapp group. We find this is a great way to quickly communicate with each other and share ideas. If you would like to be part of this group this year then please let me know and I will add you to the group.

All About Me

We will now begin to use the theme All About Me for our planning the rest of this term. We would really like you to bring in a photograph of your child and their family to display on our notice board. This is a great point of discussion with the children and is also a comfort for your child during the session.

As always if there is anything you wish to discuss we are always here at the end of each session

Kind regards

Jo Runeckles
(Supervisor)

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| New Autumn Term 2021 | Monday 6 th September 2021 |
| Autumn Half Term 2021 | Close Friday 22 nd October, re-open Monday 1 st November 2021 |
| Christmas Holiday 2021-22 | Close Friday 17 th December 2021, re-open Wednesday 5 th January 2022 |
| Spring Half Term 2022 | Close Friday 11 th February 2022, re-open Monday 21 st February 2022 |
| Easter Holidays 2022 | Close Friday 1 st April 2022, re-open Wednesday 20 th April 2022 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 2 nd May 2022 |
| Summer Half Term 2022 | Close Friday 27 th May, re-open Monday 6 th June 2022 |
| Close for Summer Holidays 2022 | Friday 22 nd July 2022 |