



WELCOME TO OUR

New Look Newsletter



Latest Updates



Bonfire Night

Thank you for supporting this fund raising event for preschool. We really do appreciate your support and hope that you had a fun evening. We don't know the exact amount raised as yet, but will let you know in our next edition.

PE Lessons

Week commencing 13th November, we will be having a professional PE teacher come into preschool on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please send your child in with appropriate footwear.



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest news, fundraising, dates for your diary and more. Keep Reading!



Our Recent Projects

WEEKLY COOKING SESSIONS- THE CHILDREN LOVE IT!

As you will be aware we have been running successful weekly cooking sessions on different days of the week, this hopefully allows most children a chance to participate. If for any reason you would prefer your child not to take part, please let us know.

THINK EQUAL

This is a programme we have started at preschool to help children appreciate and understand empathy and compassion towards others. For more information please visit their website:

<https://thinkequal.org>



Coming Up

KEY PERSON CATCH UPS

We will be conducting key person 'catch ups' early December, dates to be confirmed. We will send more information nearer the time.

Occasional Day

PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER FOR AN OCCASIONAL DAY.

(This closure will be reflected in your preschool invoice).



Think Equal

Empowering Change Through Education

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TEAM UPDATE

LEAVERS AND NEW STARTERS

As you will know by now Charlotte will be leaving us at the end of November, we will all be sad to see her go and will miss her greatly. We're sure you would like to join us in wishing her well in her new venture and thank her for all the hard work and commitment she has shown to the preschool and team.



CHARLOTTE

Our new preschool leader will be Liz Tansley who has been part of the team for some time now, Liz will start her new role at the beginning of December.

We also have a new member of the team, Sarah Manning, who some of you may already know. Sarah starts her position with us on Monday 13th November, "welcome to the preschool Sarah".



LIZ



Christmas Lunch

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 7th December 2023. If your child is in on that day and you would like them to have a Christmas lunch let us know by 24th November.

We will also taking part in save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December. If possible please send your child in that day wearing a Christmas or any other sort of jumper.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

SIGN UP FOR EASY FUNDRAISING

This is a really simple way for preschool to make money and especially at this time of year when we will all be enjoying a bit of online shopping. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! Right now, every donation makes a difference!

[Sign up here](#)



Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 20th December – all children welcome – if it's not your child's day in preschool please let us know if they would like to attend.

Nativity Play

This will be taking place on Friday 15th December at St Mary's church, Barkway. More details will follow.

Christmas Holidays

We also finish preschool on Wednesday 20th December at 1.15pm. We return on Monday 8th January 2024.

Children in Need

We will be hosting a pyjama day for 'children in need' on Friday 17th November - pyjamas optional.

Outside Play

Make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the time of year. **Please also ensure that all clothing/shoes/wellies are clearly labelled.**

We ask that you also check your child's spare clothes bag regularly to make sure that the clothes still fit and are weather appropriate.



Sicknesses

We also continue to ask that if you feel that your child is not well enough to attend preschool, and that you have had to administer Calpol or Ibuprofen which could mask illnesses, you do not send them in. If your child is ill, allow 48 hours before they return to preschool after their last symptom/medication and remember that if your child has a sickness and/or diarrhea bug they must be absent from preschool for **48 hours** after the **last** bout of sickness and/or diarrhea too.

Reporting an Absence from Preschool

Please telephone/text Preschool and advise us of any absence on **07964 151288**.

We prefer a telephone call/text as we do not always check our preschool email while the preschool is in session

Emergency Closures / Disruption to Preschool Sessions

In the event that we cannot open preschool safely ensuring correct adult to child ratios preschool may have to close or offer reduced preschool sessions. This can happen with little or no notice but we will of course do our best to avoid this.

OTHER REMINDERS

Family Photo Books

Thank you to those parents who have produced some lovely photo books for their child to have in preschool. If you haven't made one yet we would love to have your child's photobook in preschool as we feel that it so beneficial for all children to have a small photo book of the people, items and pets that are special to them especially if they are settling in or need a little bit of comfort.

All the big photo companies sell them or you can make your own with your child or you could pop photos on Tapestry and we can print them and make one for you. Don't forget to add titles of the people, pets or special items so we can talk to the children about them too.

Cash in preschool

We are a cashless preschool so if you need to pay preschool for anything please can you make a direct bank transfer to our bank account the details are as follows:
HSBC Bank
Account name: Barkway Playgroup
Sort Code: 40-39-22
Account Number: 01316281

Facebook

Don't forget to join our closed Barkway Preschool parents page which is different from our main page - this has up to date information/messages.

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Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that water bottles only contain water and not juice and are clearly named. Also please ensure your child's water bottle is cleaned daily too.



Lunchboxes

Lunchboxes need to be in wipeable plastic boxes (sorry no fabric lunch bags) and clearly labelled. We ask that you do not include any foods containing nuts. This includes spreads, pesto, cereal bars, homemade cakes, etc. Also, to avoid the possibility of your child choking on foods, such as grapes, olives, cherry tomatoes, mini sausages etc., please ensure that these are cut in half, length ways and grapes should be cut into quarters.

Please do not include sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks - keep these as a treat for home.

Comments and Suggestions

We always welcome any comments and suggestions you have with regards to the preschool. We are happy to receive these in person, or email Liz at

leader@barkwaypreschool.co.uk

If there is anything else Preschool can help with please do not hesitate to ask.

Uniform

If you would like to purchase uniform for your child, we have a selection available in preschool to buy or we can order them - just ask a member of staff for details.

Dates for your diary

Catch up with Key Person
Dates TBC

Children in Need Pyjama Day
17th November 2023

Occasional Day (preschool closed)
1st December 2023

Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day
7th December 2023

Nativity - St Mary's church
15th December 2023

Christmas Party
20th December 2023 10.30am

Term Finishes:
20th December 2023 @ 1pm

Spring Term Starts:
8th January 2023

ON A FINAL NOTE

STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS

We would like to thank Liz, Sharon and Megan for all of their hard work and commitment shown towards the preschool over the last few months. We really appreciate all they do and the dedication they show.

Thank you ladies!

