

NORTH NIBLEY PRE-SCHOOL
North Nibley Village Hall, Innocks Estate



COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER (TERM 2)

Term 2: started on Tuesday 2 November 2021 and finishes on Friday 17 December 2021.

Inset days: Monday 1 November 2021

Hands – Face – Space: thank you for continuing to keep your distance at drop off and pick up. It is much appreciated by both staff and committee. We have been so lucky in not having a case of COVID-19 at the setting – let's keep our fingers crossed this remains so until the end of the Term.

Annual General Meeting: This meeting was held on Monday 6 September 2021
This year's committee is:

Chair: Julie Dyer
Treasurer: Fran Walton
Deputy Treasurer: Rebecca Burton
Secretary: Laura Horner
Health & Safety Rep: Darrel Burton
Fundraising Rep: Julian Powell
General Committee member: Elena Pearce

As your child attends the setting you are automatically classed as a "Family Member". Any help you can offer the Committee during your child's time at the Pre-school, no matter how small, is most gratefully received. Without parent/carer participation the Pre-school would not be able to operate.

Term 2 Committee Meeting: This meeting was held on Monday 8 November 2021.

A new paid Pre-school role was voted on and accepted by the Committee, namely a Setting Support Officer. The Chair and Treasurer have worked with PATA to thrash out the job role etc. We hope to have someone in post sometime in 2022.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework: This is the standard that the Pre-school must meet for the learning, development and care of children from 2 to 5. It was updated on 3 September 2021. You should have received a letter about the changes – please let us know if you haven't. Rest assured there is no change to the care your child receives at the setting, just how we document it.

Baby and Toddlers: Numbers are slowly increasing. Cost is £2.50 per family – children 0 to 5 years are welcome. The Village Hall's Meeting Room has been booked on Mondays 09.15am-11.30am. If you have a little one (a pre-pre-schooler!) or know of one, then please come along and promote to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. From mid January 2022 we will be looking for volunteers to help run the group. If you can assist in any way please let the Chair know.

Availability from September 2022: Deposits continue to come in for the 2022/23 pre-school year. If your child will still be with us for this year, we would recommend that start thinking about whether you wish to increase hours/change days and talk to Elaine as soon as you can.

We have also had some deposits in for September 2023 starters! All good news to secure the longevity of the setting.

Pre-school Uniform: Please speak to Elaine or Becky if you wish to purchase. We have sweatshirts at £10 and polo shirts at £8. If you decide to buy, the cost will be added to your termly invoice. If you have any uniform that your child has outgrown, we would be delighted if you would donate this to the Pre-school so we can offer “pre-loved” uniform to new parents.

What's happening at the Pre-school during Term 2: This term we will be looking at fireworks and the wonderful array of colours they give when they explode in the night sky. Diwali happens on 4 November and we will be talking to the children about this Hindu festival of lights. As Christmas approaches we will be gearing up to this and retelling the Christmas story and participating in Christmas themed activities.

Monday 6 December 2021: The Village is holding their “Monday Lunch” club this day and, therefore, the Pre-school and Baby and Toddler Group are unable to use the Main Hall and Meeting room respectively. We are working on a trip out (all invited) – details to follow.

Donations please: Non fragrant wet wipes please and boxes of tissues.

Clothing etc: As the cooler/cold/wet weather for the Autumn/Winter sets in, please ensure that your child has a cardigan/jumper and a warm waterproof coat with them. A hat and a pair of gloves are a must too – all duly labelled please. Remember to make sure that there is a pair of wellies at Pre-school for your child – and maybe a change of clothes ... just in case!

Diary dates/fundraising ...

Quiz and Booze Night

Thank you if you joined us at our Quiz and Booze night held on Saturday 16 October – much fun and merriment was had, as well as some much needed funds raised (a profit of £293.11). We have had such good feedback that we have set another date ... Saturday 5 February 2022 – put it in your diary!

Mugs and cards

Sale of the children's own made mugs and cards made £54.35 profit – thanks for buying these.

Christmas Sweet cones

We are asking all parents to donate as many Christmas sweets as you can. We did this last year and made Christmas sweet cones (pic and mix type sweets) and they sold very well and made a good profit. Pre-school is a registered charity and we need to fundraise every year. Due to the pandemic our main fund raising events did not go ahead so we need to do well this year. Sweets that are ideal are: chocolate coins, marshmallows, candy canes, small chocolates wrapped, Cadbury's Hero's (any type of chocolate similar), haribo, jelly beans, smarties etc. Whatever you think a child that would like to receive as a gift or in a stocking. Anything would be really appreciated. Please can you bring these donations to Pre-school by Friday 19th November 2021.

Christmas Hampers

Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly for our annual Christmas hampers – items donated by the Committee and local businesses. Again, please buy tickets and encourage family/friends/neighbours/work colleagues to do likewise.

Admin notes:

Term 2 invoices: These will be issued, via email, during week commencing 8 November 2021. Payment date for Term 2 is set for Friday 3 December 2021. **The Pre-school's preferred method of payment is BACS rather than cash or cheque. This is because local bank branches are closing and it is increasingly difficult to pay these items in. However, we will, if necessary, accept cash or cheque.**

Blue Comments Box: We would love any comments you may have on what you feel about the Pre-school – good/bad/indifferent. Do you have any ideas you can share with us? Things you would like us to try or stop doing/change? As we cannot use our usual “comment box” due to COVID-19 restrictions, please email us on northnibleypreschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Nut allergy warning – Pre-school is a nut free zone

Please remember that the Pre-school is a nut free zone. We would respectfully ask that your child does not bring any nut products in with them (ie. in food etc).

Grapes – potential choking hazard

Please remember that if your child brings grapes into Pre-school in their packed lunch, can you please make sure that they are cut length ways.

Treasurer's secure safe

The black secure safe has a slot at the top enabling you to post your cash/cheques into the safe. Please remember to have payments for extra sessions and/or termly invoices recorded into the little black book and countersigned by yourself and a member of staff. That way we can double check receipt of monies.

Safeguarding and child protection

Rest assured that North Nibley Pre-school takes the safety and welfare of your child very seriously. Our safeguarding and child protection policy (Policy 4) can be found on the website and is included in our Welcome Pack. The Pre-school's safeguarding lead is Elaine and her deputy is Becky.

Reminders

Here are some boring but important reminders relating to our policies and procedures:-

- *Parent Communication:* There is a wipe board at the Pre-school which details what has happened, generically, during the day. Remember that Tapestry holds information on your child, which you can add to. Also, should your child's keyworker need to, they will contact you if there are any issues to discuss.
- *Attendance* – it would be great if you could let the staff know in advance if your child won't be attending on one of their set days. This helps us to plan staff ratios appropriately to the number of children and is particularly important if we have staff going on training or sickness. Please contact Elaine on the North Nibley Pre-school telephone number during session times.
- *Extra sessions* – please let Elaine know ASAP if you wish your child to attend an extra session. Payment please on the day, preferably by BACS, but we will accept cash or cheque. Please ensure that any cash/cheque payment is signed and dated (by parent/carers and a member of staff) in black book.
- *Signing in* – when it comes to signing your child in and out Ofsted like the times stated to be quite precise for child protection reasons.
- We have a procedure for the safe arrival and departure of our children. The door is manned during this time and immediately locked when all the children have arrived (detailed in the Pre-school's Health and Safety Policy).
- Pre-school has a Health and Safety Policy. If you would like to look at this or any of our other policies and procedures you are welcome to either look at them at Pre-school or

take the folder away after the session to read at home. You will also find the policies and procedures on the website.

- *Sickness & Diarrhea* - if your child has an episode of diarrhea or vomiting please don't bring your child back to Pre-school for 48 hours when they are no longer contagious. See document on noticeboard – also available on website (under News & Events/Parent Information).
- *Food allergies/intolerances* - if your child has developed a food allergy or has a particular dietary requirement, don't forget to let us know.
- We would like to work in partnership with parents and carers as much as possible. If you ever have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's progress you can approach your child's keyworker at any time.

Telephone numbers

Pre-school number (during session times): 01453 297493

Pre-school mobile (during session times – used when staff and children go for a walk etc): 07842 280220

Please do not contact staff on their personal mobiles either during session time or outside.

WEBSITE: www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk

- Previous newsletters for can be found on the website News & Events/[Parent Information](#)

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