



16th April 2018

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate!

Welcome back to pre-school and the first half of the summer term. Sadly this is the term that we will be losing two long serving members of staff. Sandra will be leaving us on Friday 27th April for her new job with the Health visitors team. She will be terribly missed by us all at pre-school, she has worked here for 20 years and for most of that time as Supervisor and has brought us from a small playgroup into the busy pre-school that it is today, implementing all the changes that have come into place over that time. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her the very best of luck in her new job. Jade will also be starting her maternity leave on Friday 25th May, her last day with the children will be Wednesday 23rd May. Jade has been with us for 6 years and she will also be missed (we are hoping she will return though). We all wish her luck with the birth and we will keep you updated as soon as we have any news.

Sunshine.

Yes, it is the summer term and let's hope we have some sunny days to look forward to in the coming weeks. Should this happen please remember to apply sun protection to your child before they come into pre-school and supply them with a hat (labelled with their name please). If your child stays at pre-school for lunch they will need to have their sun protection cream reapplied. Therefore, we ask that you please provide the lotion, to remain in pre-school (labelled clearly with your child's name) **and** complete a consent form, available from any member of staff or on the parents notice board in the foyer. Can we also ask that children wear suitable footwear on sunny days, flip flops and some sandals can cause sore feet when worn without socks and are just not safe to wear when climbing on equipment or riding bikes. Thank you.

New Starters.

This term we are delighted to be welcoming 5 new children (and their families) to Coleview pre-school, we hope they all soon settle in and enjoy their time with us.

Easter Parade

A very big thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter concert and parade at the end of last term. The children really enjoyed learning and performing the Easter songs and the Easter Bonnets were absolutely fabulous. Thank you to our committee members who did a great job with the raffle and serving refreshments, for details of amounts and competition winners please see the fundraising team's newsletter in your child's bag.

Fund Raising

I would like to thank the committee members for all their hard work in raising £1,513.42 for the last term, it really is appreciated. Thank you also to all of the parents and carers who supported these fundraising events. A separate newsletter from the team is in your child's bag. The Fundraising team are always looking for new members so please come and join them, they are an essential part of the running of our pre-school. Give it a go, you have nothing to lose! Some of the committee will be leaving at the end of this school year and it would be great if we had some new parents to join.

The Fundraising Team are organizing a family fun day to be held on the afternoon of Sunday 10th June, there will be bouncy castles, games, stalls and lots of other fun things to do. If you are available to help with manning a stall or game for this event please let a member of the fundraising committee or a member of staff know. There will be a list put up in the foyer where you can add your name if you can help. This should be a great event so please come and join in.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported us through recent fundraising events, and everyone who has brought in resources and cleaning materials. The Pre-School is a charity and we rely on these contributions in order to keep the pre-school running.

The date of the next committee meeting is **Sunday the 29th April, at 7.30pm in the family room of the Coleview Community Centre's member's bar**, everyone is welcome.

Use of Car Park

The Community Centre would like to remind all parents and users of the Community Centre Car Park that they should reduce their speed and be aware of children who may run out into the path of a car. Please only use the disabled parking bays if you have a blue disability parking permit. Thank you.

Important Dates

Thursday 26th April (am only) - PHOTOGRAPHER

A group photo of all the children leaving pre-school this summer will be taken first thing, so all children taking part who are not usually in on a Thursday morning need to arrive by 9.10am please. Individual photos will be taken after this group photo. Our younger children are welcome to come along and have their photos taken, if parents wish, between 9.45 and 11.30am, siblings welcome too.

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May – Staff First Aid Training.

Pre-school will be closed on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May 2018 so that staff can update their First Aid qualifications. We apologise for any disruption this may cause parents regarding childcare but First Aid training is an essential part of the EYFS framework, we have tagged these training days onto the front of half term to hopefully ease the disruption. We do have spaces available on this course for any childminders or other Early Years staff, please speak to me if you are interested or know someone else that is interested.

Sunday 29th April - 7.30 pm Parents fund raising committee meeting. In the family room of the Community Centre's Members Bar.

*Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday — Pre-school **CLOSED**.

Tuesday 22nd May – Visit by Pam Jones, Envirocrime (recycling and taking care of environment).

*Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – Half-Term -Pre-school **CLOSED**.

Tuesday 5th June - **Re-opens**

Sunday 10th June – Family fun day, more details to follow.

REMINDERS

T/shirts & Sweatshirts

We have Coleview pre-school t/shirts and sweatshirts, in stock. Samples are on display in the pre-school foyer. The t/shirts cost £5 each and the sweatshirts £10 each, if interested please speak to a member of staff.

Absence from pre-school

If your child is unwell or unable to attend pre-school for any reason we would very much appreciate it if you could telephone pre-school and inform us of the absence ASAP, it can then be recorded quickly and accurately. Please remember that after any sickness or diahorrea children must be absent from pre-school for at least 48hrs after the last bout.

If your child is going to be absent from pre-school for any other reason e.g. A family holiday, please complete an absence form in advance, these are available from the notice board in the foyer, any member of staff or on our website:- www.coleviewpreschool.co.uk. Thank you.

Session Times - Reminder

Morning sessions: 9.00am to 12.00 noon

Afternoon sessions: 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Flexi provision: 9.00am to 2.00pm or 3.00pm

Friday Lunch session: 11.55am to 2.00pm

Prompt drop off and collection is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Children's Backpacks/Bags

Please can you ensure that your child brings in their backpack/bag every time they attend pre-school and that it contains their 'Home/Pre-school' link book. These books are the property of the pre-school until your child leaves and should remain in your child's bag. Thank you.

Labelling

We would really appreciate it if all children's jackets, coats, hats, jumpers, cardigans, P.E kits, footwear etc could be clearly labelled with their names to prevent any confusion. Any items that are not labelled and not claimed are put in the lost property box which is in the foyer so please have a look if you are missing anything. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Roberts