



TILEHOUSE STREET PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome to a new term at pre-school and if this is your first term with us, we hope you will soon feel at home. Please do ask any of the staff or ring or email me if you have a query or concern.

Thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes we received for Christmas. We did appreciate all your lovely comments. £105 was raised at the Christmas concert, for which many thanks.

If you are interested in joining our Committee, and would like to help us, please give your name to Janet Impey, Inga Scourfield (Finn's mum), or myself or talk to one of us about what is involved with no pressure to join! Don't forget to send in pictures of what your children enjoy doing and the big talking book is waiting for you to have a go with it!

PRE-SCHOOL TERM DATES

Outing –walks to the park etc weeks beg. 25th January & 8th February (see sep. box)

15th-19th Feb Half-term

22nd – 26th Feb Chatterbox Challenge (see over)

26th Mar Bunny Hop (see over)

1st April End of Spring Term

20th April Beg of Summer Term

3rd May Bank Holiday

6th May Polling – Pre-school Closed

31st May – 4th June Half Term

21st July End of Term – (concert @ 11am?)

Please help us to care for your children by:

1. **Not** bringing your child to pre-school if they are **unwell** or have had **sickness and or diarrhoea within the last 48 hrs.**
 2. Making sure we have **details** of any **medicine** your child has had on pre-school days, when you arrive.
 3. Letting us know if your child is absent on any day, especially if they are unwell.
 4. **Naming coats, shoes, jumpers, toys and bags.**
 5. Signing up to help when possible.
- Thank you.

Topics for this half term

Wk beg.	Please bring items for our interest table for the topic or colour indicated
Wed 6 th	Winter – weather (mural)- Xmas recall Colour – Red & White
Mon 11 th	Winter – keeping warm – clothes, heating, animals hibernate. (Blue)
18 th	All about me – things I like (Rainbow colours)
25 th	All about me and my family – growing (Green)
1 st Feb	All about me – where we live (Yellow)
8 th	All about me – out and about (Orange)

Outings to the Park etc

This term we are trying a new way of doing short outings. All the children, if you agree, will have a turn during the weeks beginning 25th Jan. or 8th Feb. Each day during these weeks we will need at least one parent every morning to enable 4-6 children to go out with 3 adults and leave enough adults in pre-school. Please sign up if you can help

Sponsored Bunny Hop

Fri 26th March

This is an annual event in which all children are encouraged to take part, either on the day or earlier in the week.

We will be raising money for new pre-school equipment. More details and sponsor forms after half term.

Child Information Printout

If you have not returned your child's form yet please do so as soon as possible. We need to have up to date information just in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

CAR PARKING & COLLECTING

Please note that although parking is normally available, in the church grounds there are other users of the church premises and occasional church services in the week – such as funerals. So we all need to respect each other.

Please park thoughtfully, especially on **Monday lunch-time** when the space near the crossing is reserved for the senior citizen's lunch club. A mini-bus arrives at about 12.

Please also use the other exit from the building on Monday lunch time to avoid bumping into people coming in!

Thank you

CHATTERBOX CHALLENGE

We will be taking part from 22-26 Feb. to raise money for I CAN the charity that helps children with communication difficulties. This will be our annual good cause this year.

We may put on a concert!!

The Singing and Signing, activities have a Minibeasts and Garden theme.

All of the activities have been developed by teachers and speech and language therapists so that children can:

- Build vocabulary
- Improve listening and learning skills
- Practice numeracy
- Encourage conversation

Scholastic Book Club – now with online option!

I've just set up our Scholastic Book Club school group order online. This means you can now order all the books in your Book Clubs leaflet and many more at <http://clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/tilehouse-street> and, what's more, you'll be able to have your books delivered to school for FREE!

You need to order your books by Friday 26th February 2010. After that date, I'll confirm that all orders are in and the books will be delivered to school for me to hand out in class. For every £1 you spend 20p goes back to our school to spend on much-needed books for our library!

Take a look at what's on offer here <http://clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/tilehouse-street> – there are some great bargains with books costing as little as £1.99!

If you want to give us a paper order instead please do, by the same date. You will need to pay by cash or cheque payable to Tilehouse Street Pre-School. Book club leaflets should be given to your child this week.

Gill Matthews (Pre-school Leader)