

NEWSLETTER

6th November 2020

Welcome back! Ordinarily at this time of the year we would be informing you of our plans for the preschool nativity and Christmas party, unfortunately this year, due to Covid restrictions things will be a little different. We are currently finalising our plans for these events and hope to be able to give you more information next week.

Over the half term break the preschool room underwent a makeover and the children seem to appreciate the changes made. The walls are now a pale, relaxing blue, the woodwork a clean and fresh white and there are lots of new fairy lights to create a little sparkle. We are sad that we are not able to invite you in to the room at the current time but hope that these pictures give you a little idea of the changes that we have made.



We are currently looking for the following items to add to the room:

Throws in neutral colours

Hats, scarves etc for dressing up

Wooden storage crates/baskets

Photo frames

If you think you can help us with any of these items please get in touch.

We have had a busy first week back with lots of discussions about bonfire night, fireworks and poppies. We have been making the most of the blue skies and have visited the war memorial, to make plans for our Remembrance Wreath, and the park to make use of the large play equipment.

Coronavirus - National Lockdown 5/11/20 – 2/12/2020

We have now received updated guidance and information regarding the new lockdown restrictions. As expected the guidance states that we are able to remain open to all children throughout any enforced lockdown.

Can we please take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the procedures put in place to protect us all at this time and to ensure that our preschool can remain open and operating safely:-

- Where possible only one adult should collect/drop off each child
- Please ensure that all family members remain together before the preschool doors open – please do not let children run around in the outdoor area
- Please observe all social distancing regulations at all times – there is additional space to wait safely on the gravelled area to the front of the Church if needed
- Please observe the one way system that is in operation
- Please do not allow your child to enter the preschool before being called forward by a member of staff
- Once you have dropped off or collected your child please move away from the gate as quickly as possible to allow the other children to enter/depart
- If you need to speak with a member of staff please do so over the fenced area to the side of the undercover area

We are constantly reviewing these procedures to ensure that we all remain safe and may make any necessary changes if needed.

Preschool AGM – New Committee

A big thank you to those parents and preschool friends who attended our AGM on 20th October. Your new committee members are as follows:

Elizabeth Collins (Chair)

Thomas Lawrence

Joanne Veasey

Lauren Maxwell

Aga Gooney

Becky Spokes

Hayleigh Butler

Claire Emery

Hayley Johnson

Sarah O'Shea (Treasurer)

Wendy Morrison (Church Representative)

Hayleigh Butler will be stepping down as Chairperson due to other commitments, she will be remaining on the committee to continue with other duties and to support Elizabeth Collins who will be taking over as Chairperson once her Ofsted registration and DBS checks are completed. The new committee will be electing a secretary in the coming weeks.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those outgoing committee members, Tim and Sarah Butler and Sarah Mason for your support and hard work over the past years.

Linda Goode Manager

Hayleigh Butler, Chairperson

PE Sessions

We have taken the decision due to the new lockdown to again postpone the start of our external PE sessions. We hope we may get one in in December if not then the New Year providing there are no further restrictions.

Fundraising

Virtual Pumpkin Carving Competition

Unfortunately the Pumpkin competition did not prove to be as popular as we had hoped therefore the decision has been made that all children who took part will receive a prize. These prizes will be sent home next week.

Joules Sale

The current national lockdown means that we have had to postpone our sold out Joules Sale. We are hoping that we will be able to reschedule this event before Christmas and will keep you all updated.

Christmas Raffle

We shall be running a Christmas raffle again this year and will be sending home tickets for the children to sell in the coming weeks. If you have any prizes that you are willing to donate to the raffle we would be very grateful.



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?

Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021

It's time to apply for a Reception place

Children First Northamptonshire www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions Northamptonshire County Council

The advertisement features a blue arrow pointing right with the text 'APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE'. To its right is a green banner with the text 'Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?' and a circular image of three children. Below this is the text 'Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021'. At the bottom left is a circular image of a smiling girl. To its right is a green banner with the text 'It's time to apply for a Reception place'. At the bottom are logos for Children First Northamptonshire, the website URL, and Northamptonshire County Council.

Dates for the Diary

Term 2

Mon 2 nd Nov	Preschool Opens
Wed 25 th Nov	Joules Seconds Sale – Postponed
Fri 18 th Dec	Preschool Closes

Term 3

Tues 5 th Jan	Preschool Opens
Wed 15 th Jan	Final day for school applications
Fri 12 th Feb	Preschool Closes

Term 4

Mon 22 nd Feb	Preschool Opens
Fri 26 th Mar	Preschool Closes

Term 5

Mon 12 th April	Preschool Opens
Fri 30 th April	Teacher Training Day
Mon 3 rd May	Preschool Closed – Bank Holiday
Fri 28 th May	Preschool Closes

Term 6

Mon 7 th June	Preschool Opens
Tues 20 th July	Preschool Closes