

# WEST HALLAM VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5 – SUMMER TERM 1 2019



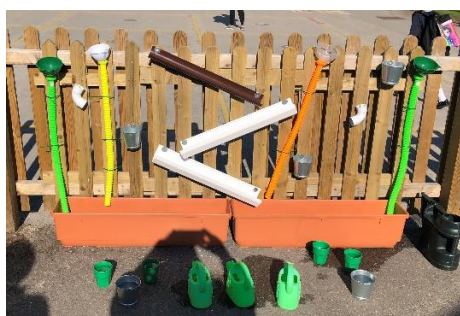
In the run up to the Easter holidays we had lots of fun at Pre-School by making some beautiful Easter cards. We listened to the Easter story which was read to us by the Reverend Jan. We then had a great time at our Easter Messy Church where we made Easter bunny hats, decorated cakes, designed Easter eggs to name just a few activities.

Just before Mother's Day we enjoyed a morning in Pre-School with our Mummies, Aunties and Grandmas. It was a lovely morning which was very well attended, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We will be inviting Fathers, Uncles and Grandads to join us in Pre-School on the morning of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June between 9.30 am and 10.30 am. Further details to follow.

## Fundraising

Here are some of the pictures of the changes we have begun to make to our outdoor area. Thanks for all your support with our fundraising activities.



We have begun our sponsored sensory walk to help raise some funds for our topic resources. We are looking forward to a fun filled week where every child will get to take part. They will be walking once around the field, climbing over the tyre park and then walking through our different sensory experiences. We value your support with our fundraising events and can't wait to send home pictures of your child taking part.



Our summer fair is fast approaching and will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 between 10 am and 1 pm. All are welcome to attend so please come along and bring family and friends! There will be fun activities for all the family including small animal handling, along with traditional stalls such as raffle, cakes, name the bear and tombola. We have also invited some local suppliers to join us with their products which are for sale on the day.

We would also ask that if anyone has any connections with businesses, local or otherwise, that would like to contribute a raffle prize then please speak to a staff member or a committee member as soon as possible. Also, if you have anything to donate for either the raffle or tombola then please bring it into Pre-School and leave it with a staff member. We are always very grateful for any donations of home baked cakes as these sell particularly well. These can be brought in either the day before or on the day of the fair.

If anyone is available to help on the day, then please let a member of staff know and a member of the Committee organising the fair will be in touch.

This event offers a great opportunity to see the facilities and support us in our mission to buy some outside storage and new equipment for the outdoor free flow play area.

**Please note entry on the day will be via the Hallam Way entrance and will be clearly signed.**

### **This Term**

This term we have been chatting about people who help us and have already enjoyed visits from Edward with his ambulance. We are looking forward to a visit from Mr Hunt the school caretaker, a nurse, a guitar teacher and an electrician. We would like to thank all our visitors. If you would like to join us there is still time, please have a chat with Sam.

There will be letters sent out during the first week after half term with further information about our upcoming sports day, leavers presentations and leavers party. Please see the end of the newsletter for dates and times.



### **Reminders**

- Please can we remind you to be punctual, where possible, in dropping off and collecting your children to avoid disruption to the sessions and unnecessary upset to the children. If you are going to be late in dropping off or collecting, please phone ahead if you can do so.

- As the weather becomes warmer, can we please ask parents to send their children to Pre-School in **named hats or caps, a t-shirt that covers their shoulders and apply sun cream before coming**, as we will be going outside whenever possible.
- If your child attends Pre-School all day please include a cool ice pack in their child's lunch box to keep their lunch cool during the morning, as we are unable to store food in our fridge. Could you please wrap the cool pack in kitchen foil, so that the rest of their lunch box does not become wet as it melts? Please could you also ensure that their lunch bag and any boxes or bottles are labelled as many children have the same. Thank you.

### **Invoices/Pre-school fees**

Please can we take this opportunity to remind everyone that the most secure way of paying your fees is by online banking, all the details you would need can be found at the bottom of the invoices. If this is not possible for you then a cheque made payable to West Hallam Village Preschool is the next most secure way. If your only way of payment is by cash, then please hand this to either **Samantha or Sheane** and wait for them to write you a receipt. As we do not like to hold too much cash on the premises, we need to make sure that it is all accounted for. Thank you for your continued assistance.

### **Attendance**

Following guidelines from the County Council, here are some requirements if your child is absent from Pre-School as follows:

1. If your child has a pre-arranged appointment, or you are going on holiday, please let a staff member know in advance.
2. If your child is ill, please ring Pre-School during their first missed session (or as soon as possible after), to let us know. We would remind you that children are required to be away from Pre-school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.
3. For any absence, due to holiday or illness, we are required to record the reason in writing, and you will be asked to sign a form upon your child's return.

### **Facebook Page**

We run a Facebook page especially for parents/carers and grandparents. It's designed to give you a snapshot of the activities we do with the children within pre-school and to update you on any fundraising events we are involved in. Search for 'West Hallam Village Pre-school' and add yourself to this closed group, please note, no images of the children will be used on this platform.

### **Snacks**

At snack time, we currently offer each child a choice of drink and 3-4 snacks, which always include healthy choices. Following parent questionnaires, we have increased the variety of snacks that we offer. We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per half term to support us in continuing to offer fresh, healthy snacks, this is proving a remarkable success. Thank you for your anticipated help!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Term begins
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father’s Day Event 9.30am – 10 30am
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-School Summer Fair 10am – 1pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre-School Sports Day 9.30am – 10.30 am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver’s Day Presentation 2pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Peer Group Leavers Party 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term begins

From the Staff & Committee

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