

NEWSLETTER

19th December 2019



This week at preschool the children have been finalising their Christmas crafts and cards and making gifts to give to someone special at home. This year we have made a conscious move towards a more eco-friendly Christmas, using bio-degradable glitter and producing our own wrapping paper from brown paper and ink stamps. Following a discussion about how receiving presents makes us feel, we decided that it would be nice for us to all make a present to give to someone special at home. Each child has worked to make their present and wrapping paper and it has been brilliant to sit with the children to help them put the gift together and label it to their someone special. Listening to the children talk about their gifts, they all appear to be very proud of what they have made and are very excited to hand them over. We hope that the recipients all like them.

The last newsletter before the end of term gives us the opportunity to look back on some of the fun that we have had in since we returned to preschool in September.....

- Morris the Monkey
- Adventures around the village
- and further afield
- Making & baking
- Home corner fun
- New friends
- Celebrating success
- Preschool Remembers
- Woodwork
- PE with Adrian
- Music & dancing
- Perseverance & growing in confidence
- Lots of fun & laughter





Christmas Clear Out

Please remember to clear your children's drawers and pegs before we break up for the holidays. We will be having a clear out ready for the new term so any items left in drawers will be assigned to the BIN.

Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon



This was a fantastic afternoon and the children made some brilliant Christmas decorations. This raised £105.00 for Preschool.



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Ollie Bear is spending the Christmas holidays at Preschool. We will have a new star of the week when we return in the New Year. Thank you to Callum and his mummy for giving Ollie a bath during his week with them and thank you to all those of you who have taken the time to fill in his book so far. We love looking at Ollie's adventures with the children and their families.

Christmas Party – Fri 20th Dec, 12.15-3pm

Only 1 more sleep until the party and we are all excited!

If your child is not normally with us on a Friday please come in by **12.15pm**. Children who are with us all day may bring a change of clothes for the afternoon if the wish. **NO PACKED LUNCHES NEEDED AS PRESCHOOL WILL BE PROVIDING THE FOOD.**

Parents and carers are invited to come back in to preschool at a slightly earlier time of 2:20pm prior to the arrival of Santa at 2:30pm. Younger siblings are more than welcome to attend. Could we please ask if you could let us know if you are planning to bring a younger sibling, as we then may be able to also ensure there is something in Santa's sack for them.

School Applications

Don't miss the deadline for applying for a school place for September 2020. You have until Wednesday 15th January 2019 at 5pm to apply.

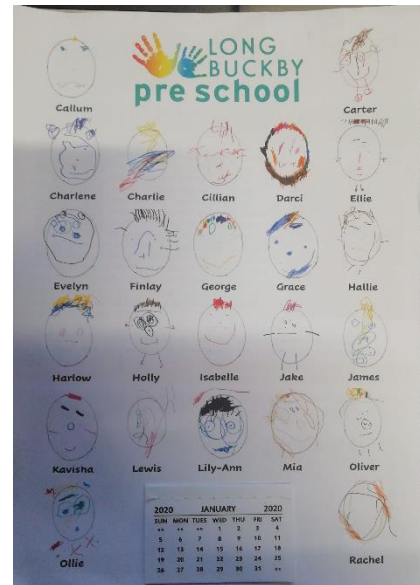
Preschool Raffle

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets for the raffle, this raised a spectacular £363.00. The list of winners is attached to this newsletter.

Visit from OFSTED

We are still waiting for the official OFSTED report. Once we receive this we will forward it to all parents.

Preschool Calendar



Have you picked up your Preschool Calendar? The DVD's are now also ready for collection. Please pop in to collect them and to make any outstanding payments.

Preschool Fees and Payment Procedure

The procedure relating to the payment of Preschool fees has been reviewed. A copy of the new procedure has been attached with this newsletter. This procedure details how, as a setting, we will deal with late and unpaid fees.

In addition, a change has been made to the way our invoices will be sent and payments are made. Currently invoices are sent to parents at the start of each month and payment should be received by the end of that month. For new families starting at Preschool after January 2020, and for all existing families paying for sessions from September 2020, invoices will be payable in advance. Invoices will be sent two weeks prior to the start of the month and will need to be paid by the 5th of the month.

Dates for the Diary

Term 2

Fri 20th Dec Preschool Christmas Party

Fri 20th Dec Preschool Closes

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan Preschool Opens

Wed 15th Jan Final day for school applications

Fri 14th Feb Preschool Closes