



# NEWSLETTER 6

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Dear Friends

The end of the Summer term has arrived – where does the time go to? This is just a quick update for you to remind you of the arrangements for the end of this week.

## **Monday – Wednesday.**

Pre-school runs as usual, with children attending their normal sessions.

## **Thursday: Teddy Bear's Picnic and End of Term Concert.**

Pre-school is open for all the children, whether this is a normal day for them to attend or not.

Snack time is a teddy bears picnic – the children will be making their own sandwiches during the morning, and having 'party food' at snack time – a bit of a variation to the norm! For those children with allergies we will talk to you individually, to work out how we can accommodate their individual dietary requirements. If **your child will not be attending this day, please can you let me know – thank you.**

**End of Term Concert** – this is our traditional 'leavers concert'! **ALL** the children have been practising songs to sing to you, and the older children will be finding their confidence and performing their version of one of our favourite stories. The concert will start at 11:30am, the church doors will be opened at approx 11:15am, and pre-school will finish after the concert.

An event not to be missed! All are welcome in the church – parents, grandparents and carers, and siblings. Please do come and support your children.

**There will be no lunch club, and no afternoon session on Thursday.**

## **Parent Representative.**

Alison Hlgham has been your parent representative on our pre-school committee and I have really appreciated all she has done for us in what has been another year of change. She saw our need and has done a superb job of fund raising for us, and as a pre-school we have benefitted enormously from this in times when the funding we receive only just about covers our costs – and the Government do keep putting up the National Living Wage!!

In addition to her fund raising expertise Alison has also been a voice of reason at our committee meetings, looking at the 'official' information I bring from a parents perspective. The Committee is an essential part of the 'Leadership and Management' of our pre-school, in the same way that Governors are at a school - and Ofsted do check to make sure that we are operating correctly.

As Joshua leaves us to go to school at the end of this term, so Alison's term of office comes to an end, and I'd like to ask you to consider whether you could offer yourself for this role? The only commitment, other than those I have mentioned above, is to attend an evening meeting once a term – usually on a Thursday evening – and they last for approx 1 -2 hours.

Please do speak to Alison if you would like to know more about what she has done – or to myself or Ruth.....I look forward to hearing from you soon!!

## **Fund Raising**

Just a quick reminder that Ruth is currently training for her part in the Great North Run in September – a mere half marathon!! One of the three small very worthwhile charities that she would like to benefit from the sponsorship is our own pre-school. Please do support both Ruth and us by contributing whatever you can manage – no amount is too great or small!! If your child is due to leave at the end of this term, contributions can be made in advance to Ruth – I know she will appreciate your support.

Finally, the staff would like to wish you all a very happy summer holiday with your children. We would also like to wish each of the children who are leaving us every happiness in their new schools and homes - and we look forward to welcoming back those who are +returning in September.

**Pre-School re-opens on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am**

Sharon Dorme