



Newsletter: Autumn Term '09

Dates for your Diary

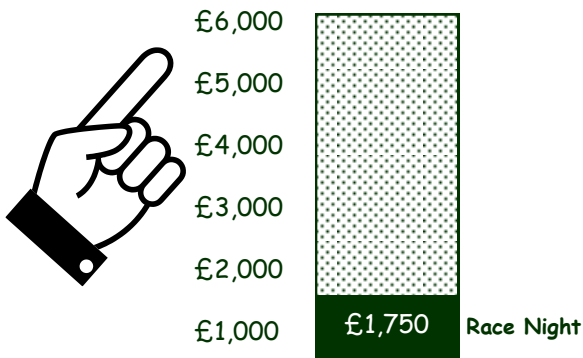
OCTOBER	
Friday 23rd	Inset Day - Pre-School closed today
Monday 26th-Friday 30th	October Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER	
Friday 13th	Official Photographer sessions
DECEMBER	
Friday 11th	Pre-School Nativity Play
Thursday 17th	Last day of Pre-School
Friday 18th - Monday 4th January inclusive	Christmas Holidays
JANUARY 5th	Pre-School opens
FEBRUARY	
Monday 15th - Friday 19th inclusive	February Half Term holiday

Village Hall telephone no: 01908-551576

Fundraising - we need you!!

The Race Night has kicked off our fundraising year really well, but we need to continue supporting Pre-School events & coming up with new ideas to raise money.

To ensure the ongoing sustainability of our parent-run setting we are aiming to raise £6,000 again this year. Our special 'Fund-o-meter' below will keep everyone on track with how the funds are going. This is how our position is so far:



Future fundraising plans include some Christmas gift items, an Easter childrens' disco and much more - watch this space!

We'll keep you posted with more events & activities coming up - please support as much as you can!

Welcome to our new children....

Our Autumn Term has seen a number of new children starting at Pre-School.

A warm welcome to Alexander, Eleanor, Hattie and Ruby who have settled in really well and are enjoying mixing with their new friends and taking part in loads of fun activities. We have a further 2 children starting before Christmas and 4 during the Spring.

....and welcome to our new member of Staff

We are also very pleased that Elly Sapwell has joined our staff team as a Key Person. Elly has had two children of her own go through Pre-School over recent years and has worked tirelessly on the Committee raising funds and increasing the profile of our setting. Elly is a trained First Aider and will be studying for an NVQ Level 2 in Childcare Practice - she is a great addition to our fantastic team!

Race Night success!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Race Night on 10th October. It was a brilliant evening with over 90 guests attending. The bets were high and everyone got into the spirit of an evening at the races! Estimates indicate we raised over £1,750 which is a fantastic start to our '09/'10 fundraising year.

Well done everyone...



Key Person Groups - a quick reminder

Red Group

Key Person:

Teresa

- Freddy Manning
- Arthur Betteridge
- Amelie King
- Lottie Howkins
- Ryan Adams
- Alexander Goodwin

Yellow Group

Key Person:

Vicky

- Jesse Garande
- Georgia Pitkethly
- Hattie Brock
- Jack Morris
- Ruby Letts
- Eleanor Rush

Blue Group

Key Person:

Lois

- Louis Gibbs
- Ella Hardy
- Charles Botterill
- Tom Gammell
- Molly Thomas
- Grace Noone

Don't forget, your Key Person will happily talk to you about your child's progress and how they are getting on at Pre-School. Just ask for a chat after one of the sessions.

Our new Committee



Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM on 7th October - it was good to see some new parents and quite a good turnout. Don't forget our Committee meetings are really relaxed and informal - a chance to have a drink, find out what's happening at Pre-School and, if you would like to, mention some of your own ideas or feedback for our setting. But don't worry, you can sit back and listen if you would prefer!

Our new Committee is as follows:

Chairman: Louise Manning

Vice-Chairman: Kate Kemish

Treasurer: Paul Jesson

Secretary: Jenny Letts

Fruit & Snack Co-ordinator: Sue Thomas

Parents' Help Officer: Liz Betteridge

Fundraising Committee Organiser: Samara King

Fundraising Committee: Jo Pitkethly,

Annie Lovell, Ali Howkins, Naomi Brock, Nick Hardy, Taka Garande, Rachel Jelly

Many thanks to outgoing Committee and especially to our previous Chairman Ali Howkins who has put an absolutely huge amount of time, work and effort in over the past year, much of which has put Pre-School in excellent shape for the future.

Parents' Help

Don't forget we rely on all the parents to help out at Pre-School for one session per Half Term, very occasionally more if needed. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles are all welcome to help out. You can be sure of a really fun morning with a great chance to see your own child at Pre-School and get an idea of what they all get up to every morning. Their mornings are fun-packed and very busy! During Parents' Help you can play with the children, read stories, help with activities, prepare the snack and help to clear up & tidy away. Our Parents' Help Co-ordinator is Liz Betteridge who organises the rota. Please speak to her to put your name down to help.

New 100 Club - take part to win!

Pre-School is starting its own 100 Club as a fun new fundraising idea.

All you have to do is buy a ticket for each of the 12 months of the year, priced at £1 each (£12 in total). Every month there will be a prize draw and if your ticket is pulled out of the hat in either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place you'll win a prize as follows:

1st prize = £25

2nd prize = £15

3rd prize = £10

Please see the letter attached for all the details and how to take part.

Remember to encourage parents, grandparents, friends and other family members to take part - the more the merrier!

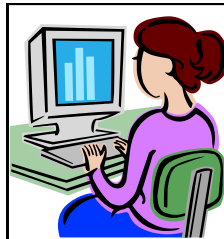
Activity Plan

This month the children are working on the topic 'Myself.' They are encouraged to take in photos of themselves as babies and now, their families, house, gardens & pets.



They are also creating lanterns and other items

to celebrate the festival of Diwali.



If you shop online, you could raise money for Pre-School at the same time by using Easyfundraising. Simply visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register as a user - this enables you to select Stoke Goldington Pre-School as your nominated cause. You can then shop online directly with each retailer (there are over 500 of the UK's best known available), but simply from using the links from the easyfundraising website first, each purchase you make is donated to your nominated cause. It doesn't cost a penny more to shop and raise funds for Pre-School! Don't forget, family and friends can also take part - you don't need a child at Pre-School to use the service and help increase funds.

Remember, if you would like to book extra sessions or new places for your children, speak to **Louise Manning** now on: **01908-612751** to confirm requirements.

Don't forget childrens' coats & wellies during colder/wet weather & please label all their clothes & spare clothes.



The Pre-School website has recently been updated featuring lots more information and photos.

Thanks to Jo and Kate for all their hard work and ideas for the site - and to Mark Russell for designing it and doing all the 'technical stuff.'

Have a look at...

www.stokegoldington-preschool.co.uk

For suggestions or contributions to Newsletters, contact Jenny Letts on: 01908-551903.

