



PRE-SCHOOL MATTERS

June 2014

'The Rainbow' & Summer Fayre

This year, our end of term production of 'The Rainbow' and the Summer Fayre will be held at St Luke's Church on Friday 18th July.

The production marks the end of a fantastic pre-school year, and is a lovely way to say goodbye to children from the Edwalton Extension who are moving on to primary school.



The Extension will be closed on the morning of the Summer Fayre, so please drop all children off at St Luke's at 9.30am. If your child does not normally attend pre-school on a Friday, they are warmly invited to take part in the production. All children are encouraged to dress as their favourite garden bug or fairy creature for the production – wings ahoy!

This year, the Summer Fayre will start at 10.30am and will feature 'Hook a Duck,' a 'Teddy Tombola,' a raffle, 'Mystery Cups,' face painting, and everyone's favourite - the cake stall!

To make the fayre a success we need your help! We need a teddies/stuffed toys of any description for the Teddy Tombola (obviously ones your little ones wouldn't be upset to give away!). Good quality raffle prizes are also needed in advance - do you have a relative who works in a restaurant or local attraction who could offer a prize? Do you have any unwanted gifts that would boost sales of raffle tickets?

Your time on the day would also be very much appreciated! We need parents/grandparents/carers to help run/set up and pack up stalls and sell raffle tickets. Please speak to a member of staff or email Jane if you can help, and they will put you in contact with a committee member.

Pre-School Management Update

There will be a few changes to the way pre-school is run from September.

Mariam Aslanfard will become sole Supervisor at the St Luke's site and Caroline Holmes will become Senior Supervisor at the Edwalton Extension. Amanda Goulding will become Deputy Supervisor across both sites.

Caroline has decided to have some well deserved 'me time', and will not be working Fridays in future. Amanda will step up to run the Friday session at the Extension.

Goodbye & Good Luck!

Farewell to all children leaving pre-school to go on to primary school in September.

We wish them every future happiness, and hope that they will forever carry fond memories of their time at Leahurst Road Pre-School.

Pre-School Open Day - Friday 4th July

All prospective pre-school children and their parents/carers are invited to come to St Luke's on Friday 4th July at 10am to have a play, chat and look around.

If you know of any parents or carers of a child aged 2 and over who are thinking about pre-school, please do invite them. All are welcome.

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TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM 2014:

Tuesday 22 April –
Friday 18 July
(Closed May Day 5th May)
26 - 30 May (Half Term)

AUTUMN TERM 2014:

Monday 8 September -
Friday 19 December
27 - 31 Oct (Half Term)

SPRING TERM 2015

Monday 5 January –
Thursday 2 April
16 - 20 February (Half term)

SESSION TIMES:

St Luke's

Monday	9.30 - 12.30
Tuesday	9.30 - 12.30
Wednesday	9.30 - 12.30
Friday	9.30 - 12.30

Edwalton Extension

Monday	9.15 - 3.15
Tuesday	9.15 - 12.15
Wednesday	9.15 - 3.15
Thursday	9.15 - 3.15
Friday	9.15 - 12.15

Fee Increase

There will be a small fee increase for paid sessions from September. Fees will go up 50p to £10 a session.

Garden Design Competition

The main topic this term has been to learn about gardens, vegetables and healthy eating.

Children from both sites also took part in a Garden Design competition.



We had some fantastic inventive entries, meaning that it was impossible to choose an overall winner!

All children who entered a design won a bespoke prize to encourage their interest and enthusiasm in gardening to continue into the future.

Language Top Tip

Mrs Harrison's language top tip for June is:

Follow your child's lead.

Join your child in pretend play – let the child take the lead and see what their imagination brings!

Committee Changes

Now that her son, Oliver has moved on to primary school, Caroline Stuckey has stepped down after over two years as the Chair of the Leahurst Road Pre-School committee. We are very grateful to Caroline for all her hard work and wish her well for the future. Pip Richards, mum to Erin, has temporarily stepped into the role of committee Chair until a replacement can be found.

Please do speak to a member of staff or a committee member if you are interested in the role of committee Chair. It's a fantastic addition to any CV and a brilliant way to meet new people and boost your social life.

We also have two new committee members to welcome this term: Vikki Howe (mum to Ruby), and Nicola Davis (mum to Lottie).

Nicola has taken over the role of Treasurer from Sophie Bourque. Thank you Sophie, and we wish you all the best for the future.

Next term, the task of compiling and writing the newsletter will be passed on from Pam Garget (mum to William) to Alison Marshall (mum to Stanley). Pam will stay on the committee and continue with the PR/Marketing role.

We are always on the lookout for new committee members, whatever small level of commitment you can give - all are welcome!

Stay Safe in the Sun

The weather is finally hotting up! Please remember to apply a high factor sunscreen to your child before pre-school, also ensure that they have a sunhat, clothing that covers shoulders and footwear that protects feet.

Staff Profile:

**Mariam Aslanfard -
Deputy Supervisor, St Luke's
(Supervisor from September 2014)**



Mariam has worked at Leahurst Road Pre-School for 7 years, (starting June 2007). She has held the position of Deputy Supervisor for 5 of those years.

Currently working Monday, Tuesday and Friday at the St Luke's site and Wednesday at the Extension, from this September, Mariam will be stepping up to the role of sole Supervisor at St Luke's, working at that site every day.

Mariam graduated with a degree in biology in 1997. However, after giving birth to her daughter she discovered that she enjoyed working with children and decided on a change of career path.

Initially Mariam did a Level 4 qualification (Certificate in Early Years Practice with the Open University), but wasn't satisfied with her knowledge in early years, so carried on studying with Northampton University. Mariam currently holds Early Years Professional Status (Level 6 - equivalent to Early Years Teacher).

Mariam was born and grew up in Persia (Iran) and speaks fluent Farsi. She lives with her husband and daughter in West Bridgford and loves it when children see her around shout Mrs Aslaaaaaaan....

Mariam's hobbies include jogging and reading, however she feels her focus is currently on her new Supervisor post - to lead the St Luke's site to be an exemplary place for children and their families.



Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was a fantastic

Taking place within the first pre-school session back after Easter, children enjoyed egg decorating, an egg and spoon race, games, egg rolling, an Easter bonnet competition and of course, the Easter Egg Hunt itself!

Thank you to all parents who attended the session and helped their child make some of the fantastic bonnets!