



PRE-SCHOOL MATTERS

November 2016



Christmas Nativity & Fayre



This year, Leahurst Road Pre-School's annual Nativity and Christmas Fayre, will be held at **St Luke's** on **WEDNESDAY 14th December**.

The fayre and nativity will be held on **Wednesday** this year due to there now being an afternoon session at pre-school on Fridays.

Please drop off all children as normal at St Luke's at **9.15am**. If your child does not normally attend pre-school on a Wednesday, they are warmly invited to take part in the production and should arrive at **10.45am**.

The Fayre opens at **10.30am** for tea, coffee, tombola, raffle, mystery crackers, hook a duck, face painting and the fabulous cake stall! Children will perform the Nativity play at **11am**, and after the performance there will be time for even more cake and refreshments before the raffle is drawn. **Please note, there will be no lunch club at St Luke's on the day of the fayre.**

YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE THE FAYRE A SUCCESS!

- Please bring **cakes** to sell on the day
- Donate new (or in good condition) **tombola** items. Teddies/stuffed toys, unopened smellies, bottles and chocolates for the tombola. These can be dropped off at any time.
- Donate a **raffle prize**. Do you, or do you have a relative who works in a restaurant, gift shop, beauty salon or local attraction who could offer a prize? Do you have any unwanted gifts or vouchers that would boost sales of raffle tickets?
- **Volunteer** to help – helpers are needed to set up, run stalls, serve refreshments and tidy up. **Volunteers have a reserved seat in the front two rows for the Nativity play!**

Party, Party, Party!

Make sure that **Tuesday 6th December** is in your diaries for festive fun at the Christmas party! From **11am-1pm at St Luke's**, Super Sparkle Parties (Monika Johnson) will entertain the children whilst party food is whipped up in the kitchen for the them to enjoy after the show. After some festive food, a special visitor may even arrive with a sack full of presents!

If your child **usually attends the Tuesday** session, please bring them at 9.15am as usual (party-attire is encouraged!) and collect at 1.15pm. We are asking for a **£3** contribution from all children who would normally attend the Tuesday session to cover the cost of party food and a present (please see the letter from Mrs Aslanfard sent out w/c 14th November).

If your child **does not usually attend pre-school on a Tuesday**, the cost is **£6**, and they are welcome to arrive for the start of the party at 11am.

Parents are welcome to come along to the party between 11am and 1pm (if they wish!).



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TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Monday 5 September -
Friday 16 December
24 - 28 October (half term)

SPRING TERM 2017

Monday 9th January -
Friday 31st March
13th - 17th February (half term)

SUMMER TERM 2017

Tuesday 18th April -
Friday 21st July
26th May - 5th June (half term)

SESSION TIMES:

Monday & Friday: 9.15am - 3.45pm

Tuesday & Wednesday:
9.15am - 1.15pm

Lunch Club everyday:
12.15pm - 1.15pm

Deputy Manager

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Harrison is now our permanent Deputy Manager.

Please join us in wishing her well in her new position.

Welcome!

A big hello and welcome to all our new starters. We hope you're all settled and happy at pre-school. Please do speak to Mrs Aslanfard, your child's Key Person or Jane Sweeney if there is anything at all we can do to help.

Afternoon Sessions

If you feel that your child is now old enough to cope with being alert and active in the afternoon, do consider adding or moving a session to a PM session. For afternoon-only sessions, children can arrive at 12.15pm, in time for lunch, and be picked up at 3.45pm.

Afternoon sessions do tend to attract older children and this does mean that staff can tailor activities to suit them; for example activities involving small items, more detailed instructions or scissors.

Please do speak to Jane if you wish to switch any morning sessions to afternoons.

Please Name Clothes

Please can you ensure that every item your child brings or wears to pre-school is named. The problem of unnamed items has become much more of an issue now the weather has turned colder - especially when a lot of younger children can't identify their own coats and hats when it's time to play outside each day.

We have many jumpers and hats in our lost property box. Please do check to see if anything belongs to your child.

Committee Update

Since moving the pre-school to one site, we have increased the ratio of staff-to-children above the legal requirement by ensuring Mrs Aslanfard is always a 'floating' member of staff. This means that Mrs Aslanfard can be free to talk to parents and undertake management tasks as necessary.

We have also convinced a very deserving Mrs Harrison to take on the role of Deputy Manager (well done Mrs Harrison!).

Our next task as a committee is to organise the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 14th December. Please do let us know if you can help at all!

We always welcome any parent to our parent-led committee. If you would like to contribute (a little or a lot!) to our pre-school, please do let Jane, Kate Coppinger (Committee Chair) or any other committee members know if you are interested.



Get shopping!

Please do make sure you've assigned Leahurst Road Pre-School to be the local charity partner for your Co-op membership card.

Every time you shop you could make money for pre-school - £311.10 has been raised so far!

Visit www.coop.co.uk/membership for more details.



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Staff Profile: Sophie Godden



Our newest member of the pre-school team is Sophie Godden.

Fresh from completing her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Studies at Leeds Trinity University, Sophie is our new Assistant, working on Monday mornings and Tuesdays (which she is loving!)

Sophie used to go to Leahurst Road Pre-School when she was a child, and has great memories of the staff and children. She formed long-lasting friendships that she still has today and learnt key values that are still important to her today.

Ever since work experience in secondary school, Sophie has worked in lots of different primary schools and nurseries confirming that she wanted to be involved in working with children in the future.

Sophie is currently completing her Master's degree in child psychology at Nottingham Trent University. After completing her Masters, she is planning to take her studies further with a PhD to eventually become an educational psychologist.

Sophie grew up in West Bridgford with her parents and siblings, and now currently lives near Nottingham Trent university to make it easier to get to lectures and the library for lots of studying!

Inspired by her own teachers and pre-school practitioners, Sophie has always known she wanted to work with children. The best part, Sophie feels, is that she doesn't see working at pre-school as a job but as a vocation that she loves and enjoys doing!

Sophie most enjoys working with the children and seeing their faces light up as they learn and grow through playing with fun activities. She also loves having a role to play in how they grow intellectually and socially - and seeing the results of this at pre-school.

In her spare time Sophie likes to go swimming once or twice a week, shop with friends and also loves to read fiction books.

Getting Social!

For the latest news and updates, please do 'like' our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LeahurstRoadPreschool) and follow us on Twitter @leahurstroadps).



Language Top Tip from Mrs Harrison:

GO SLOW: Give children time, wait for them to respond

GAME: THINGS THAT GO TOGETHER: Cut out various pictures that you can group together e.g. things you drink (water, milk), things you wear (socks, hat), things from the bathroom (soap, toothbrush) etc. Mix them all up, then with the child sort them into their correct groups.