



PRE-SCHOOL MATTERS

March 2015

Egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt Fun!



Looking for some fun for the kids in the Easter holidays? (Whatever the weather?!).

We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Church of the Holy Rood, Village Street, Edwalton from 10am to 12pm on Thursday 9th April.

There will be cakes, crafts, an Easter bonnet parade competition, raffle, refreshments, and a hunt for chocolate eggs in the beautiful gardens of course!

Entry is £1 per child (under-ones-free) - tickets on the door.

You can help to make the Easter Egg Hunt a Success!

- Please tell all of your friends - the Easter Egg Hunt is open to all - not just pre-school attendees.
- Please bring cakes to sell on the day
- Donate chocolate tombola items. These can be dropped off at St Luke's or the Edwalton Extension at any time.
- Donate a raffle prize. Are you a local business or do you know anyone who could donate a prize?
- Volunteer to help – helpers are needed to set up, run stalls, create crafts, serve refreshments and help tidy up.



Welcome to Leahurst Road Pre-School!

A belated welcome to all children who started pre-school in January. We hope that your child has settled in well and is enjoying their time here.

We hope that you feel part of the pre-school. If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback then we love to hear from you.

Language Top Tip

Mrs Harrison's language tip for March is..

Build on what children say:

Talk very clearly and add one or two words to your child's sentence – if your child says 'look car', you could say 'look red car'.

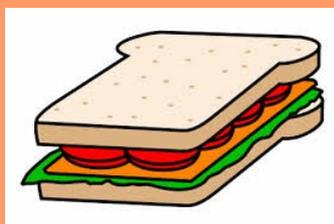
Anyone for Lunch (Clubs)?

We are very excited to announce that from the start of the Summer Term (20th April) we will be introducing lunch clubs!

At the **St Luke's** site all morning sessions will now also start at **9.15am** and finish at **12.15pm**. There will also be a Lunch Club every day at St Luke's from 12.15pm to 1.15pm, giving children the option to socialise and learn further with their friends whilst they eat their lunch.

At the **Extension**, we will be keeping the session times the same for the summer term. There will be additional Lunch Clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Lunch Club costs £4 per hour. Funded hours can be used to cover both pre-school sessions and Lunch Clubs. Please get your session request forms to Jane as soon as possible.



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TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2015

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

SUMMER TERM 2015

Monday 20 April -
Friday 17 July

May Day closed 4 May

**[NB Elections on Thursday 7 May
- Extension session will be at
Holy Rood Church]
25-29 May (half term)**

AUTUMN TERM 2015:

Monday 7 September -
Friday 18 December
26 - 30 Oct (Half Term)

SESSION TIMES:

From Monday 20th April:

St Luke's

Monday 9.15 - 12.15
Tuesday 9.15 - 12.15
Wednesday 9.15 - 12.15
Friday 9.15 - 12.15

**Lunch Club everyday:
12.15 - 1.15**

Edwalton Extension

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

**Lunch Club on Tuesday,
Thursday
12.15 - 1.15**

Fantastic Ofsted Result for St Luke's!

The St Luke's site had a surprise visit on Monday 15 December - from an Ofsted inspector! The inspector spoke with parents, staff and committee members and also observed the children in the setting.

We are delighted that Ofsted awarded us GOOD rating across all areas.

An extract from the report includes:

"The pre-school is well resourced and activities are set up to encourage children to explore and discover. Children show high levels of motivation and are keen to access to access the activities available. Children benefit from the practitioners' highly positive involvement during their play, and this means that children's emotional well-being is well fostered."

The report can be accessed via the Ofsted website or via our website - www.leahurstrdpreschool.org.uk.

Pre-School AGM - 25th March

Thank you to everyone who can to our AGM. It was lovely to see so many of you there. The parent support we have for our pre-school is fantastic.

Thank you also to all who filled out slips to join the committee! Welcome! Jane will be in touch shortly.

Committee News

Leahurst Road Pre-School is managed by a parent led committee and we are delighted to announce that we have a new member to join to the team! Tani Sandhu, Mum to Kabir, has joined the committee this term - welcome!

We are still on the hunt for a new Committee Chair. Pip Richards needs to stand down due to work commitments. This leadership role is a great opportunity to have influence over your child's educational beginnings and to boost your CV. Please do contact Jane, a supervisor or a committee member if you are interested.

We are also looking for a 'Fundraiser'. Our previous Fundraiser moved into a term-time only job in this field of work once her children moved onto school. A role on the parent committee really can be a useful step into your next paid employment!

We welcome new committee members, whatever small level of commitment you can give. We meet once a half term either in the evening over a drink or in the daytime during pre-school times.

New Staff Members

We would like to welcome Jackie Green, Lisa Barradell, Keely Stenton and Julie Smith. They join us at a very exciting era of expansion for our pre-school - welcome! Congratulations to Fiona Oliver who is now Deputy at both sites. Amanda Goulding has stood down as Deputy but will be doing relief work for us now and again.

Sainsburys Active Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Vouchers! Please do bring vouchers into either site so we can put them towards new equipment for pre-school.

Staff Profile: Jackie Green



Jackie lives in West Bridgford with her partner James and two daughters, Lucy (5) and Alice (2). She moved to Nottingham from Leicester in 1998. She studied NVQ Level 3 in Child care and Education at Loughborough college whilst working at a private day nursery.

Since being qualified she has worked in various private day nurseries mostly within preschool rooms. She has been a room leader, deputy manager and covered her manager's maternity leave.

She loves spending my time with her family going to parks, soft play centres, and day trips. Jackie has just started to enjoy gardening and DIY although she says that she has a lot to learn so any tips will be greatly received!

Jackie is working Mon, Tues and Wed at St Luke's and is enjoying getting to know the children on the yellow table!

Childhood Illnesses Increasing

We have been warned that there is a recent national increase of Scarlet Fever, and we have also noticed an increase in Chicken Pox cases at pre-school.

The symptoms of Scarlet Fever may include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, generalised pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'.

Although Scarlet Fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications. If concerned, seek medical help immediately.

Each site will display a poster with further information. If you suspect your child does have Scarlet Fever or Chicken Pox, please do keep them at home until they are no longer contagious.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came, helped out and enjoyed the Christmas Fayre. You helped to raise a fantastic £310.10 for pre-school funds. Thank you!

