



# PRE-SCHOOL MATTERS

June 2015

## Summer Fayre and Production



This year, our end of term production of 'The Rainbow,' and the Summer Fayre, will be held at **St Luke's** on **Friday 17th July** at **10.30am**.

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 is relocating to the St Luke's site on the morning of the Summer Fayre, so please drop **all children** off at St Luke's at 9.15am. If your child does not normally attend pre-school on a Friday, they are warmly invited to take part in the production—please bring them at 10.45am. 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 a 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 teddies/stuffed toys, unopened smellies, bottles and chocolates for the tombola. Good quality raffle prizes are also needed in advance - 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 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.

### Committee News

We have a new Chair! Kate Coppinger has stepped up to take on the role, following Pip Richards' resignation at the AGM. Kate, mum to Bertie, will be supported by Pam Garget and also the rest of the parent committee.

We are still looking for a parent to take on a fundraising role. This role can be moulded by anyone who wishes to give it a go - it can be as big or as little as they like. Please do let Jane or the committee know if you are interested.

### Visits to the Extension

If your child is due to turn 3 before September, please do think about switching some, if not all of their sessions to the Edwalton Extension. The facilities and activities at the Extension are tailored towards older pre-school children, with the ultimate aim of getting them ready for school.

You can visit the Extension with your child

as many times as you like.

Please contact Caroline Holmes on 07805 317 343 to arrange a suitable time.

### New session times

As you will have seen on Jane's session request form for Autumn, we are adding further hours to the sessions at the Extension. The new 'all day' finish time will be 3.45pm, with lunch clubs every day from 12.15-1.15pm. Lunch clubs add more flexibility, giving the option to choose from afternoon or morning sessions - or both with lunch club in between. Thursday also joins Monday and Wednesday as an 'all day' option.

We hope that the popular new lunch clubs are working out well for everyone! Don't forget, they can be booked on an ad-hoc basis the day before (subject to space) - just pay in cash on the day. This also applies to extra ad-hoc pre-school sessions. Please speak to Mariam or Caroline.

### Farewell to our Leavers

Goodbye and good luck to all children moving onto 'Big 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.

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### TERM DATES

#### SUMMER TERM 2015

Monday 20 April -  
Friday 17 July  
25-29 May (half term)

#### AUTUMN TERM 2015:

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

#### SPRING TERM 2016:

4 January -  
1 April  
15-19 Feb (Half Term)

### SESSION TIMES:

#### From September 2015:

##### St Luke's

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Friday:  
9.15 - 12.15

Lunch Club everyday:  
12.15 - 1.15

##### Edwalton Extension

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:  
AM: 9.15 - 12.15  
(Lunch Club: 12.15 - 1.15)  
PM: 1.15 - 3.45

Tuesday & Friday:  
9.15 - 12.15  
(Lunch Club: 12.15 - 1.15)

## Florence Norton

Florence, who attends pre-school at the St Luke's site, has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia.

This is a very rare condition in someone of her age and it means that her bone marrow is not producing red blood cells which carry oxygen around the body, white blood cells which fight infection or platelets which stop you from bleeding.

Short term this means Florence is in and out of hospital (more in than out currently) fighting infections, having blood and platelet transfusions. Long term she will need to have a bone marrow transplant (her family are currently looking for a suitable donor).

To help Florence and other children in her situation, please become a donor by going onto the bone marrow register: [www.deletebloodcancer.org.uk](http://www.deletebloodcancer.org.uk) ([www.anthonynolan.org](http://www.anthonynolan.org)) and/or donate blood/platelets ([www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)).

Everyone at pre-school is thinking of Florence, and send love and best wishes for her treatment and a speedy recovery.

## Play week

We are having two 'Play Weeks' this term. Play Week at St Luke's will be w/c 29th June, and Play Week at the Extension is w/c 6th July.

We would like to highlight and celebrate a year of pre-school, and at the same time do something a little different. During Play Week we will have different theme each day including a dressing up day, creative/messy play day, sporty fun day and a Teddy bears picnic (children to bring their favourite teddy/soft toy with them).

Look out for further details at each site nearer the time!

## Pupil Premium

From April 2015, we will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. It will provide an extra 53p per hour for 3-4 year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits.

I'd be grateful if you could complete the registration form that has recently been handed out and return to Caroline/Mariam. The information will be kept securely. THANK YOU!

## Language Top Tip from Mrs Harrison:

"Be careful with questions... Try not to ask too many questions, especially ones that sound like you're constantly testing the child, or where you already know the answer."

If you're looking for further advice and tips on language; [www.nottslanguageforlife.co.uk](http://www.nottslanguageforlife.co.uk) has been created by the county council and contains lots of helpful information for parents.

## Group photos

Group photos will be taking place on **Wed 24 June**. If this is a day your child is not normally at pre-school, please do feel free to bring them in for a photo with their friends.

## St Luke's Working Church Environment

When you're in the lobby at St Luke's, please do be mindful that the prayer room upstairs, the office and the church could be in use and to try and keep noise to a minimum. Thank you.

## Staff Profile: Keely Stenton



Keely has recently joined the pre-school team and she loves spending time with the children and getting to know them. Keely works at the extension on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and volunteers at St Luke's on Wednesdays.

She has spent the last year studying for her GCSE maths exams this summer, and will be starting her level 3 diploma for the Early Years workforce in September.

Keely lives in Edwalton with her husband David and daughter Daisy (age 2). She moved to Nottingham in 2013 after living overseas in Canada for 5 years.

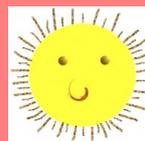
Keely enjoys being with family, trips to the seaside, and baking with her daughter. She goes to many of the events in local villages so if you see her please do say hello!

## Pre-School Open Day

We are holding an Open Day and coffee morning at the St Luke's site on **Tuesday 9th June from 10am to 11.30pm**. Please do tell any friends or family with children who are going to be 2 and over in September, that they are more than welcome to pop down for a play and to see what happens on a typical pre-school morning. All current grown ups are also welcome for tea/coffee and cake!

## Summer's Here!

Now that summer's finally here, please do ensure that children come to pre-school with sunhats, clothing that covers shoulders and shoes that cover toes. On sunny days please can you also apply sunscreen to children *before* they arrive at pre-school.



## Name Belongings

Please can you make sure everything your child brings to pre-school is labelled clearly with their name. It would really help if all spare clothes, coats, hats, jumpers, t-shirts, trousers, any toys they insist on bringing, (and even shoes!) are named. If you use **[www.nametags.com](http://www.nametags.com)**, the pre-school can earn up 20% or £2 per order.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you so much for joining in the Easter Egg Hunt fun! The fantastic morning raised £252.95, and with Experian doubling this amount, we made just over £500 for pre-school! Amazing! Thank you everyone, in particular Natalie Fox for organising the extra funding from Experian.

