



PRE-SCHOOL MATTERS

June 2016

Goodbye and Thank You Mrs Holmes!

After 21 years, Mrs Holmes is leaving Leahurst Road Pre-School! We have been very lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic Manager work with our children and she will be very missed!



Mrs Holmes' connection with pre-school began in 1993 when her eldest son Christopher started at Leahurst Road. Three months later, she was chair of the pre-school committee and two years later joined the workforce.

Mrs Holmes says, "I have immensely enjoyed seeing how well children develop, knowing that we have done our best for them. I have pride in what I do and have been lucky to work with a good workforce over the years. I have been very proud to work for Leahurst Road Pre-School. I have seen a lot of changes over the years but the ethos has never changed. The pre-school has always had a good reputation in this community, and I wish all the staff the best for the future."

Mrs Holmes plans to be busy in the garden and in her home decorating. She's also looking forward to spending more time in Newcastle with her parents and mother-in-law in Sheffield, and having some 'me' time before her husband retires!

Kate Coppinger, Committee Chair says, "on behalf of the Committee and I'm sure all of the parents, I'd like to thank Caroline for all of her hard work and dedication to the Pre-School. She will be missed and we all wish her well for her retirement, we are sure she will have a busy time and wonder how she managed to fit work in!"

Summer Fayre and Production

This year, our end of term production of 'The Rainbow,' and the Summer Fayre, will be held at **Edwalton Extension** on **Friday 22nd July at 10.30am**.



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

St Luke's will be **closed** on the morning of the Summer Fayre, so please drop all children off at the Extension 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 arrive at 10:15am at the entrance at the back of the building. Parking is limited so parking on Wellin Lane is recommended. All children are encouraged to dress as their favourite garden bug or fairy creature for the production - wings ahoy!

The Summer Fayre will feature a tombola, a raffle, Mystery Cups, face painting, and everyone's favourite - the cake stall! **There will also be an equipment sale of items that we simply cannot fit at St Luke's once the Extension closes. Please do bring your money!**

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 or have any unwanted gifts that would boost sales of raffle tickets?

We also 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.

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

AUTUMN TERM 2016

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

SPRING TERM 2017

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

SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday 17 April -
Friday 21 July
29 May - 2 June (half term)

SESSION TIMES:

From September 2016 at St Luke's:

Mon 9.15am - 3.45pm
Tues 9.15am—1.15pm
Wed 9.15am - 1.15pm
Thurs NO SESSION
Fri 9.15am - 3.45pm

Lunch club is held from 12.15 to 1.15pm and are optional.

Full day sessions can also be split into morning or afternoon sessions

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 21 April from 7.30pm at St Luke's Church.

Everyone enjoyed the drinks, nibbles, informal conversations with their child's Key Person and a very informative talk from Mrs Aslanfard!

Following on from the AGM we have some new committee members - Shelley Payne and Nataliya Cahoon-Dutta. Welcome to all!

Language Top Tip from Mrs Harrison:

TIP: KEEP IT SHORT AND SIMPLE - Use short sentences - this helps children listen and learn.

GAME: WHICH ANIMAL AM I? Cut out some pictures of different Animals. Choose an animal and make its sound ('woof' or 'baa' etc). Ask your child to guess which animal the sound belongs to by pointing at the correct picture.

Keep up-to-date with information and tips on the Language for Life website www.nottslanguageforlife.co.uk.

Play week

We are having our annual 'Play Week' this term starting w/c 4th July at both sites.

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, physical/sports day (non competitive) and a Teddy bears picnic (children to bring their favourite teddy/soft toy with them).

It promises to be great fun!



Summer's Here!

Please remember to keep your children sun-safe this term! Many activities carried out during the pre-school day mean that children are outside and therefore exposed to the sun.

Our Sun Care policy is below:

We ask parents/carers to remember to provide their children with the following items:

1. A sun hat covering as much of the face and neck as possible.
2. Suitable footwear to enable children to move freely but safely when outside. Soles need to grip and be secure on the child's foot. No flip flops or similar sandals.
3. Clothing should be suitable for outdoor play, remembering stinging nettles and hard surfaces.
4. Sun cream applied before the children start the day at preschool strong enough to protect the children for the morning session.
5. Children will have more sun cream applied around lunch time if staying the whole day and whose parents/carers have signed consent to apply suncream in the registration form. Sun cream needs to be provided by the parents/carers and labelled with the child's name. When they do so, staff will use a new pair of disposable gloves for each child.

If you have any questions at all, please do speak to Mrs Aslanfard or Mrs Holmes.

Staff Profile: Jackie Tiahnybida



Mrs Tiahnybida was born in Carmarthen, West Wales and moved to Cardiff with her sister Judith when she was seven.

After leaving school, Mrs Tiahnybida started her career at Lloyds and began instructing staff in branches all over the country how to work the cash point and other machines. She then moved back into branch banking at Cardiff, Derby & Nottingham.

Moving to Nottingham in 1998 when she got married, Mrs Tiahnybida started working at pre-school in January 2008 after her daughter Laura (now 12) joined. She often volunteered as a Parent Helper, and when a position became vacant she applied and was successful!

Eight years later, and now with a CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Preschool Practise, 'Mrs T' works at St Luke's every morning and also Monday, Wednesday and Friday Lunch Clubs.

She loves meeting the children, getting to know them and seeing them become confident and secure in their surroundings. She also loves seeing them happy, make friendships and making up games.

In her spare time, Mrs Tiahnybida likes knitting, making craft items, attending Zumba classes and cooking cakes and sweets.

She lives in Gamston with her husband Peter and daughter Laura.



We try and use social media to highlight important information and events - as well as the fun things!

A few parents have said that they sometimes miss our updates on Facebook. Did you know that you can always get pre-school's updates at the top of your newsfeed? Just go to 'settings,' then 'news feed preferences' and 'prioritise who to see first.'

Don't forget to 'like' our posts :-).

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.