



PRE-SCHOOL MATTERS

July 2017

Goodbye and Thank You Jane!



It is with great sadness that we are to say goodbye to our brilliant Business Manager, Jane.

Jane has been associated with Leahurst Road Pre-School for over 16 years - starting when her twin boys, Edward and George (now 19!) attended as toddlers. Jane was also a parent committee member before taking on the Business Manager role in September 2011.

Although Jane has decided to move on from pre-school, she has very generously offered to stay in her role as long as it takes to have a comprehensive hand over with the next Business Manager (likely to be mid-September).

We wish Jane all the best with her future endeavours and hope that she'll stay in touch!

If you, or anyone else you know, might be interested in our Business Manager Role, please contact Jane Sweeney on 07941 616369 or email at leahurstroad@ntlworld.com. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 14th July 2017.

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Registered Charity No: 1018262

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM 2017

Tuesday 18th April -
Friday 21st July
29th May - 2nd June (half term)

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Monday 11th September -
Friday 22nd December
23rd - 27th October (half term)

SPRING TERM 2018

Monday 8th January -
Friday 29th March
19th - 23rd February (half term)

Summer Fayre and Production

This year the Summer Fayre and Hungry Caterpillar production, will be held at St Luke's **on Wednesday 19th July**.



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**.

Please look out for a letter from Mrs Aslan nearer the time of the fayre detailing what the children will be asked to wear for the production.

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 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!**

Co-op Local Community Fund Update

Following on from the fantastic £1,134.18 we gained from our first stint as part of the Co-op Local Community Fund, we are really lucky to have been chosen again!



We are currently up to a total of £313.86! Chose pre-school as your local charity and 1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services for the next few months goes straight to pre-school for us to spend on brilliant resources!

SESSION TIMES:

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 is optional.

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

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.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 21st March at St Luke's Church and was really well attended.

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

It was explained at the AGM that a number of key committee members would be relinquishing their roles at the end of the Summer term and fortunately a number of new parents signed up to be part of the parent committee!

Look out for an update email from Jane soon regarding who has stepped into the new roles.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation CIO Update

Following a lengthy interview with Ofsted in June, Ofsted have given us the go ahead to re-register Leahurst Road Pre-school as a CIO. As soon as we have opened a new bank account, the committee will call a general meeting (EGM) to ask members (parents) of the current unincorporated charity to approve the dissolution of the existing charity and transfer its assets to the CIO.

The reason the committee decided to change to a CIO was to offer its trustees greater protection against operational liabilities of the charity. The CIO will be established with the same purpose as the existing charity of advancing the education and development of children through the provision of high quality childcare. Although this change will impact on the structure and administration of the charity, the activities and childcare offered will continue as they are currently.

As soon as the new bank account is operational we will let you know. If anyone has any questions, then please contact Jane Sweeney.

Staff Profile: Amanda Golding



Amanda started her working career in retail and administration, but soon realised that what she really wanted to do was work with children. She worked at the Nursery at Nottingham University Hospital for many years, and whilst there achieved both her NVQ2 and 3 in childcare.

Amanda took some time off when her son Jack was born and while Jack was attending Leahurst Road Pre-School, she began working at pre-school as an Assistant. In 2009 she was promoted to Senior Assistant and in 2014 became Deputy Supervisor before leaving to take a break from work 2 years ago.

Amanda is now back working with us on a relief basis. We are very lucky to have such an experienced practitioner who can work with us on an ad-hoc basis!

Amanda is a keen cook and her absolute favourite is Mary Berry. She loves her traditional style, buys her new book every year, and has even been to see her doing demonstrations. She says that every recipe she's tried has always come out well.

Amanda lives in Edwalton with her husband Matthew, her son Jack, and their dog Meg. Meg is a Sprocker, which is a Springer and a Cocker Spaniel cross, and they all enjoy going out for walks together.

Play Week

We had our annual 'Play Week' last week. Each day we had a different theme including a sports day, Teddy Bear's Picnic, a story by Super Sparkle Parties and music and dance by Bongo Bongo. It was great fun for the children and the staff!


**KEEP
CALM
AND DONATE
TOMBOLA
PRIZES**

Dressing up day

We are having a dressing up day on Friday 14th at Pre-school. Please bring a tombola or raffle prize for our summer fayre on Wednesday 19th July!

Thank you!!

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 sunscreen applied around lunch time if staying the whole day and whose parents/carers have signed consent to apply sunscreen in the registration form. Please let the keyperson know. Sunscreen 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.



Language Top Tip from Mrs Harrison:

TIP: Use simple, repetitive language. Keep sentences short. Describe your every day activities. As you talk about what you are doing, repeat your words slowly and clearly. Saying things more than once helps children to join in and pick up new words.