



Winter newsletter 2021

Winter term is always a very busy one, what with Bonfire Night, Children in Need and Christmas.

The children do tend to get tired and often full of cold during this winter period, so please keep your child at home if they are unwell just to stop the spread of germs.

Please remember to register your child for school if they are going to be 4 years old before the 31st August 2022. You can do this on-line at Wiltshire.gov.uk the deadline is midnight 15th January 2022.

If you are still unsure where to send them book an appointment with Shrewton school and ask for a tour around the building.

We are sad to say that Janet will be retiring at Christmas; she has worked at Pre-school as Financial Manager for 24 years. Janet will be sadly missed but she is really looking forwards to retirement and has lots to keep her busy. She has been showing Kate the ropes and is very happy to hand over the reins to safe hands.

Kate Miller

Kate has lived in the village for around 20 years now and her 4 youngest daughter used to attend Pre-school.

Kate worked at Pre-school as the SENCo until she went on to work for Wiltshire College, Salisbury after completing her BA Hons in Early Years and Education. Kate will be taking on the role of Financial Manager after the Christmas break.

Staff training

All staff are happy to improve their knowledge so have continued to learn through on line training that has been available during the lockdown period. Both Fran and Saffie have attended a course on making the best of the outdoor environment with children and will be up-dating the outdoor play area with money raised from the Christmas raffle.

Jane and Fran have completed training on the new reformed Early Years Foundation Stage and have designed a new tracker to inform us of each child's progress.

Saffie has completed the first session of 5 to thrive which is all about nurturing the emotional needs to enable children to thrive.

Jane is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Amy is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. Both are booked onto Child Protection/Safeguarding up-date training. We all support each other and will discuss training and feedback during staff meetings.

AGM (Annual general meeting)

The Pre-school AGM is going to be on November 29th at 1.15pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend this important meeting. We are a registered charity so have to have a committee to run smoothly and legally.

We will be discussing the period between May 2019 (when we last had an AGM) until November 21. This will include staff and achievements made within this time scale.



Christmas Raffle

This year the Christmas raffle will be drawn on Monday 13th December during the morning session, we will give out the prizes at home time.

Raffle sheets will be sent home within the next week or two for you to purchase. All money raised through the raffle will go towards up-dating the outdoor play area.

Please feel free to donate a prize if you wish too, as we really appreciate your support for this event. All the raffle prizes will be displayed by the main door at the entrance to Pre-school.

Christmas Party

The Pre-school Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December. Please drop the children off at 10am and collect at 1pm. Lunch boxes will not be needed as we will supply food.

We are hoping that Father Christmas will make an appearance at some point!

Dates for the diary

Friday 19th November – children in need PJ day

Monday 29th November – Pre-school AGM (all very welcome)

Monday 13th December – Christmas raffle to be drawn

Tuesday 14th December – last day of term

Thursday 16th December – Christmas party 10am – 1pm

Thursday 6th January – return from Christmas break

January 15th Last day for applying for big school

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a brilliant new year from all the staff at Pre-school

