

# SEAMER PRE-SCHOOL

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## May 2019 - News

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

We hope you all enjoyed the Egg Hunt and well done to all prize winners in the raffle and thank you to all of you who supported our fundraising efforts by buying tickets; £95.50 was raised.

### **WELCOME**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Sophie McDowall who joins our team of staff. Sophie has lots of years of experience in childcare and is a mum to two of her own. We hope she enjoys working with us and the children.

### **PARENTS EVENINGS**

A parents evening will be held on Thursday 16th May from 4.15pm. This is for our older children born 1/9/14 – 31/8/15. Please make an appointment with your child's key person.

Please bear in mind that attendance is not compulsory, it is an opportunity for you as parents to speak with your child's key person, raising any concerns you may have about your child's progress within pre-school and transition arrangements for their new school.

### **LEAVERS JULY 2019**

We hope you have all received your letters from the county education authority confirming your choice of primary school for your son/daughter in September.

If you have any worries or concerns regarding the transfer to school please don't hesitate to ask myself or any member of staff for further information.

### **TRANSITION VISITS**

Together with the staff at Seamer School and other local primary's we are in the process of organising arrangements for transition visits for the children starting school in September. We hope to make the move across to school as pain free as possible for all of them.

There will be a parents evening hosted by Seamer School for all parents to attend on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. You may have already received this notification.

Pre-school staff will be attending the meeting to support all our families at this very important time.

### **GROUP PHOTO**



Tempest Photography will be taking a photo of all the children currently attending Pre-school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The photo will be in the old style format.....by popular demand. It will be available for all parents to purchase at a later date. This will be the only photo opportunity we have to include all our children at the same time.

### **SPRING TRIP - Friday 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Our Spring trip is currently being organised by Committee. Following very successful and enjoyable trips in previous years, this year will see us returning to Playdale Farm Park. Pre-school will be open as normal on this day for working parents and for those of you who would prefer not to join us at the farm, therefore there is limited provision for your child to be accompanied on the trip by a member of staff. So this can only be arranged on a first come basis. Children can then be collected from Pre-school at 3.45pm. However, I would encourage as many of you as are able to join us on the day as it is such a rewarding and fun time to share with your child.



Please see attached sheet

## **SPONSORED BIKE RIDE**



This term sees us encouraging the children to take part in our annual sponsored event. This will take place in the car park area of Pre-school. The event will take place throughout the day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The car park area will be made secure – **cars will not be allowed into the area and the main gates will remain closed**. Your child can ride their own choice of vehicle from home or choose from those we have at pre-school. If your child does not normally attend on Mondays, we would ask parents (if possible) to bring your child and then stay and help them to complete the event. If you bring a helmet for your child to wear, please could you ensure that it is named.

**A sponsor form is attached to this newsletter for your child.**

Please bring your child's completed sponsor form along with you on the day, so that we can indicate how many laps your child has achieved.

The forms will be returned to you to enable you to collect up the money.

We would ask that all money raised is collected and handed in to pre-school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND MOBILE PHONE DETAILS**

Please could you inform us of changes of address or mobile phone numbers so that we can maintain accurate records.

## **WANTED – BOTTLES**

### **SEAMER GALA SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY**

The organisers of Seamer Gala have again this year extended an invitation for us to participate. As a community pre-school we feel that our presence at such a village event is essential to promote the work of the group. We will be having a stand at the gala but your help is needed to ensure its success. We are hoping to run a pull a string game.

**BUT** we need your help. Please could you donate 1 or more bottles to help in our fundraising effort. Full unopened bottles of absolutely anything, ketchup, wine, talc, oil, bubble bath, perfume, anything goes. The wackier the better as it adds to the fun on the day. The more bottles we have the more money we will be able to raise.



## **SUN CREAM**

We are **hoping** for some fine weather again (fingers crossed) so it is worth pointing out that our outside play area is a bit of a sun trap, and in order to keep our children safe we do advise the use of sun cream/block and the use of sun hats. We do have our own supply of sun block and sun hats kept on the premises, however if you prefer to use your own sun cream, please supply us with a bottle clearly labelled with your child's name. Our policy is to encourage the wearing of sun hats when playing outside – the rule is a simple one, children quickly become used to protecting themselves, but sometimes they do like to wear their own hats.



Please can you ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. As you can imagine 30 sets of sweatshirts can easily get muddled up and if not labelled we run the risk of not being able to find your child's clothing and upsets may follow.

However the weather as we all know can be quite changeable, it can still be very cold outside and therefore all children should still bring their coats to pre-school so that they can play outside in comfort. Our British weather is so unpredictable!

## **HEALTH VISITORS**

We would like to confirm that the 0-5 Healthy Child Team (Health Visiting Team) & 5-19 Healthy Child Team (School Nursing Team) will deliver an informal school readiness session on Wednesday 5th June from 3.15pm onwards. The visit is for parents of all our children including our youngest children. It is an informal session where the Health Visiting Team will be on hand to answer any of your queries. The session will cover topics such as

toilet training,

fluids intake

healthy eating,

head lice,

looking after teeth

Skin conditions ie eczema

Other topics will be covered I'm sure if you have a concern.

The team will be bringing display boards, age appropriate resources, information leaflets & aim to have up to 4 members of staff who will be available for questions & advice around these topics.

We would encourage you all to come along and make the most of this visit, it's not often that the Health Team are able to take time out to help answer any queries you may have.

## **15 FUNDING ENTITLEMENT**

Those of you have children approaching their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday are advised that you do not need to apply for this, it is an automatic entitlement for every child. This funding is known as Universal entitlement. It is processed by the setting and children become eligible for it in the **term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday**.

## **30 HOUR CHILDCARE FUNDING**

A reminder that families with children approaching 3 (or who have had their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays) **before the Autumn term**, who are working and fit the criteria as laid down by the government should be applying for the extended entitlement. You can check this by going onto the 'childcare choices' web site where you can check eligibility. Please remember that once you have registered and received your code, you must reconfirm your details with HMRC every three months (Reminders will be sent out by HMRC). For those of you that have been in receipt of 2 year funding and wish to take up the 30 hours funding – there is no automatic transfer from one to the other – you must apply for it.

## **MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Sports Day – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Summer trip to North Bay and the last day of term. – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Leavers party (leavers only) – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

*Ginny Wilkinson*

Pre-school Manager

## Pre-school Spring trip 2019

Following very successful and enjoyable trips in previous years, this year sees us returning to Playdale Farm Park.

The trip takes place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The price of the trip is £5.75 per person. Under 2's go free.

If those without transport could let us know we will try our best to arrange a lift...there's bound to be plenty of cars going with room to spare.



Pre-school staff will be working on the day of the trip and will be available to accompany any children of working parents or for those whom accompanying their child will be a problem.

Please let us know if you require your child to be accompanied by a member of staff as this will have to be on a first come basis.

The farm boasts a huge indoor play area, an outdoor play area, interactive paddocks, an animal barn, a straw maze, owls and much more. It does sound like a lot of fun. Due to the close proximity of the animals on the farm, some of which are very large...children must be kept under close supervision at all times. A risk assessment has been carried out and all children should be accompanied at a ratio of 1:1. Safety notices regarding do's and don'ts are displayed around the farm and we hope that everyone in our group respects these. **Pre-school uniform is to be worn by all Pre-school children please whether or not it is their normal day of attendance.**

We advise you to bring a packed lunch although there is a nice large covered café area.

Please complete the tear off slip with your remittance by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.

**Please note: the farm does not open until 10am**

Each paying child will receive a free bag of food.

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### Trip to Playdale Farm Park on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Admission to farm – £5.75 per person

Name of child.....

My child will / will not be attending the trip.....

Name of accompanying adult.....

No. of entries to the farm.....

Total money included.....

Is transport required YES / NO

I would prefer my child to remain at Pre-school.....

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## SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

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