



## **September 2016 Newsletter**

### **Welcome to Maple Grove Pre-School**

We would like to welcome you and your child to Maple Grove Pre-school, and hope that you are finding settling in as stress free as possible. Sometimes parents suffer more than the children at this stage, but believe us; in no time at all this will be a distant memory. We also hope that you are happy with the introduction and information you have received. This will be the first of many newsletters you will receive over the coming year, which will include current issues & dates for your diary.

### **ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE TIME FOR 3 HOUR SESSIONS**

**8.45AM**      **11.45AM**      Doors will open at **11.40AM** for the end of the am session. This gives ten minutes to get the children safely on their way. This is a very tight turn around for staff as they only have 15 minutes to grab some lunch! So we would be very grateful if you could ensure you are on time collecting your child. Thanks!

**12.15PM**      **3.15PM**      Doors will open at **3.10PM** so if you need to collect a child from Westwood please ensure you are at the beginning of the queue, which will allow you plenty of time to travel! PLEASE no queue jumping! This collection method will be less disruptive to the children and provide a safer environment, rather than the front door being opened & closed more often. This is the only elegant solution to this little problem which we hope will suit everyone.

**YELLOW ROOM** Doors will open at **2.55PM** so if you need to collect a child from Westwood please ensure you are at the beginning of the queue, which will allow you plenty of time to travel! Please do not use mobile phones when waiting for yellow room. For all collections @ 11am, 11.30am, 1pm & 3pm, please wait behind the first gate with the sign on until you are called through by a member of staff.

### **Just a few reminders..... Please take the time to read them carefully.**

**Coat/ cardigan /clothes / Shoes labels:** could we remind parents to clearly LABEL their child's coat, cardigans, clothes, shoes and lunch boxes (if they go to lunch club). Also try to encourage children's independence by putting on / taking off their coat themselves. There is no need to send in a sun hat / cap as each room has their own supply.

**Toys and Backpacks:** just a reminder to encourage your child NOT to bring in toys from home or backpacks. They are just extra things to handle and give out at home time, meaning playtime has to be stopped earlier than usual.

**Car park – under no circumstances other than collecting a sick child are parents allowed to enter the gates of the car park. This is to protect children who run freely entering/leaving school. You must apply in writing to the school secretary if you are a parent of a disabled child and need to enter the car park. We do monitor this very closely. Also, please please do not walk through the car park when bringing your child to and from school. Please keep to the path provided. Many thanks.**

### **Committee change over/A.G.M.**

In order to operate as a registered charity, we have adopted the Pre-school Learning Alliance constitution. Part of this document states that we must hold an Annual General Meeting at the end of each financial year, and at least 30% of all parents must attend in order to make it a valid meeting. If we do not have enough parents/carers attend this meeting, we have to **CLOSE** the pre school until another meeting can be arranged and enough parents/carers can attend. As you can see, it is absolutely vital that as many of you attend this short evening meeting, usually lasting about 30 - 45 minutes, to hear a report of the audited accounts for last year. The date for this meeting is **Wednesday 19th October at 7p.m.** in Green room. Please try to make it. This is the only meeting during your year with us that we have to encourage you to attend. Thank you for your effort and understanding.

### **Fundraising Meeting**

The first fundraising meeting will be on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.** Anybody who is interested in helping fundraise will be most welcome. Many hands make light work!! Our next event is our Christmas Fayre; if anyone has any unwanted gifts or toys they would be gratefully received for this and any of our fundraising events throughout the year....

### **Autumn Stay & Play 10.30am-11.30am or 2-3pm**

This is for the parents to come along with your child for a play. This will give you time to see the room, see what your child has done, what they have experienced and that they have settled in. Please see more info over the page.

### **Fruit and veg for snack time**

We really rely on parent's generous donations of fruit and vegetables for snack time and this year children are especially fond of the attractive platters that we produce from them. Various fruits are gratefully accepted but don't forget various salad or vegetable items and various dried fruits like raisins or apricots. We are also trying to widen the items that are offered to the children with 'Foods from around the globe'; ideas could be bread sticks, rice cakes, poppadum's, cream crackers, prawn crackers, popcorn, even a box of breakfast cereal! Please make sure they are in their original packaging as we need to check ingredients for potential food allergies. Many Thanks.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- *FUNDRAISING MEETING, WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 7pm*
- *AUTUMN STAY & PLAY, ALL ROOMS:  
**TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> & WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October @ either 10.30am-11.30am or 2-3pm***

NB. Parents of Wrap around children are welcome to come along to Yellow Room if your child is in on any of the dates. If your child is **not** in pre-school on that day, and you would like them to take part, please see your room leader first.

- *MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM, WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER AT 7pm*
- *HALF TERM: DAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER – 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER*
  - *PLEASE NOTE PRE-SCHOOL IS CLOSED FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER  
**BACK TO PRE-SCHOOL ON MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER***
- *BRIGHT COLOUR DRESS UP DAY FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – Come dressed in your brightest clothes & bring a donation for our Christmas Fayre*
- *OPEN EVENING FOR PARENTS THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 6pm-7.30pm*
- *CHILDREN IN NEED DAY FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – Dress in Spots for a Spotacular Time!!*
- *CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER – more info to follow*
- **CHRISTMAS SING-ALONGS – more info to follow**

<b>BLUE ROOM</b>	<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 10.45AM or 2.15PM</b>
<b>GREEN ROOM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 10.45AM or 2.15PM</b>
<b>YELLOW ROOM</b>	<b>THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 10.45AM or 2.15PM</b>
- *LAST DAY OF PRE-SCHOOL, WRAP AROUND & MINI GROVE SESSIONS– MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER*
- *CHRISTMAS PARTIES & SAVE THE CHILDREN – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER –  
more info to follow*

**BACK TO SCHOOL THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**