

## TERM DATES:

### SUMMER TERM 2017

Start: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Finish: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

### AUTUMN TERM 2017

Start: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Half term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Finish: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- *Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June- Committee Meeting 8.45pm at Cowper Arms Pub*
- *Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Photographer in Pre-School*
- *Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Parents Evening 7.30-9pm*
- *Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June- Trike Ride 2.15pm*
- *Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July- Character Day*
- *Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July- St. John's Summer Fete 2-4pm*

## Photographer

The photographer will be visiting us on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** from 1.45pm. All children booked in on the day will have an individual photograph taken and a group photograph with the Pre-School. If your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday and you would like them to be part of this opportunity please let me know ASAP so I can add them on for an extra session. If you would like your child to be photographed with a younger sibling please let me know so I can arrange a time for you to bring them along on the day. Older sibling photos can be taken at the end of the school



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## The Pre-School Team

Ekta – Pre-School Manager

Leanne – Deputy Leader

Christine – Pre-School Assistant

## PARENTS EVENING

We would like to invite all parents to attend our annual Parents Evening on

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**7.30-9pm**

This is an informal evening, giving parents a chance to look through their child's learning journey, and talk with their key worker. No appointment is necessary, just turn up within the specified time that is convenient for you. The committee will be present to have a chat with you, and share ideas of future events. Refreshments will be provided

## Character Day

The Pre-School will be having a 'Character Day' on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. We invite all Pre-School children to come dressed in their favourite character outfit on the day. If your child is attending Nursery in the morning then please leave the outfit in their bag and we can change them into it later. We ask for a small donation of **£1 per child** for this event.

## Trike Ride

We will be having our annual Trike Ride for the children on

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join us for this event at 2.15pm to cheer the children on as they complete 3 laps of the track.

A sponsor form will be given out so you can ask family and friends to sponsor your child. Please hand in any monies to the Pre-School on the day of the event.

There will be a cake sale and refreshments on offer after the event. We would like to request any cake/biscuit donations to sell at the cake sale.

Thank You



## Sainsbury's Vouchers

Many Thanks to everyone who collected and brought in their vouchers to Pre-School.

Please check if you still have any vouchers lying around the house as we will continue to collect until the end of term.

Thank You

## SUMMER PARTY!!!

We will be having our end of term summer party on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Please let me know asap if you would like to book your child in for an extra session on the day to be part of this experience. We will be having a special entertainer on the day as a special treat. We request a small donation of £2 per child to cover the cost of food and entertainment.

### Funding and Extra sessions

If you would like to book extra sessions for your child in September please let me know as soon as possible so I can put your child's name on the list as I will soon be allocating spaces to children on the waiting list.

Don't forget we offer a lunch club from 11.50-12.30 pm. These can be offered on an ad hoc basis if there is space.

All children are eligible for funding for up to 15 hours the term after they turn three.

We can also offer funding for 2 year olds for families who meet certain criteria

For more information visit [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org) and search for 'Free Early Years Provision' or speak to Ekta (Pre-School Leader)

### NOTICE PERIOD

**Please remember that we require half a terms written notice (term time only-not including school holidays) if you no longer require your child's place at preschool. This includes children moving on to nursery. Without the correct notice period you will be liable for the next half terms fees, even if your child is funded.**



As part of safeguarding your children at Pre-School, please remember that mobile phones are not allowed to be used during Preschool hours by both staff and parents/carers. If you need to use your phone when dropping off or collecting your child, you will need to go outside to do this. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

### **FINALLY....**

Please remember we are all here to help your child get the most out of being at preschool. If you have any questions that you would like to ask, please speak to Ekta or any other member of staff.

*Ekta*

**Pre-School Leader  
& Team**

*Leanne and Christine*



### PARKING

Please can you remember that we are not allowed to use the school car park to park unless permission is given from the school and a permit is given.

There is parking available at the following locations which are only a short walk to the school:

- Bottom of Harmer Green Lane – just off Hertford Rd (B1000)
- The Forge, Hertford Rd (B1000) – a small amount of parking available outside Digswell Arts Trust building (this is the closest parking to the school but spaces are limited)
- Viaduct Car Park, Digswell Park Rd – just off Hertford Rd (B1000) – plenty of spaces available but the furthest distance to the school

### **facebook**

Please join the Digswell Preschool Facebook page to receive the latest information about current and upcoming events taking place, theme related photographs of your children and an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas with the Pre-school team.

To join...simply search for Digswell Preschool on your Facebook page and click on 'Join the group'

### **Committee volunteers needed!!!**

As a parent-run pre-school (yes, that's right!) we always need more parents to join in and help out with various tasks and roles involved with the running of the Pre-School. The more people we have to help out enables the pre-school to run more efficiently and provides a more fulfilling experience for the children. We meet approximately once a term in the pub (what more reason do you need to join us). As an added incentive if you take on an official role e.g. Chair/Treasurer you get free lunch club sessions or equivalent.

If you'd like to find out more about the Committee and what we do or just want to let us know that you have a little spare time to offer, please let Ekta know and she'll arrange for a committee member to get in touch with you.

**The next Committee meeting is on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45pm  
in the Cowper Arms, Digswell.  
We do hope to see you there!**

#### *The Committee – who we are...*

- Chairperson – Emma Pearce (Lydia's Mum)
- Secretary – Sian Mitchell (Niamh's Mum)
- Treasurer - Philip Read (Luke's Grandad)
- Finance Officer – Robyn Coultas (Mason's Mum)
- Pre-School Manager- Ekta Mason