

TERM DATES:

AUTUMN TERM 2020:

Start: Tuesday 8th September

Half term: Monday 26th –
Friday 30th October

Occasional Day: Friday 27th
November

Finish: Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2021:

Start: Tuesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 15th –
Friday 19th February

Finish: Friday 26th March

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- *Wednesday 18th November – Committee Meeting 8pm*
- *Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Party!*



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The Pre-School Team

Ekta Mason – Pre-School Manager

Megan Hodgson – Acting Deputy Leader

Christine Strong – Senior Pre-School Assistant

Ana Sousa – Pre-School Assistant

Julie Black – Bank staff

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Please join the Digswell Pre-School 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 Pre-School on your Facebook page and click on 'Join the group'

Christmas Party!

We will be having our end of term Christmas party on

Wednesday 16th December

We kindly request a donation of **£5** per child to cover the cost of Christmas craft supplies, party food and a special gift from Santa.

We invite all the children to dress up in their favourite festive outfit on the day!

Please hand in your donation by Friday 11th December

If your child does not attend Pre-School on a Wednesday and you would like them to attend the party, please speak to Ekta to book an extra session or swap your child's session from another day.



Thank You for your donations!

At the beginning of the term, we kindly asked parents for a £10 donation per child toward the cost of snack items for the term.

We also requested an additional £5 donation toward the cost of cleaning supplies and equipment, following the coronavirus outbreak!

We would like to say a huge Thank You to all the parents that showed their generosity and contributed for their child. We managed to raise more than enough money to cover the cost of supplies this term.

As a registered charity, we rely on the support of our parents to help the Pre-School continue operating successfully and we are truly grateful to have such supportive parents.

Thank You!

WEBSITE ASSISTANCE NEEDED!!

The Pre-School are in urgent need of someone to assist us with the management of our website. If you are someone or know someone that has experience of doing websites, please get in touch with a member of staff as soon as possible.

We would be truly grateful for any support. Thank You!

Funding and Extra sessions

If you would like to book extra sessions this term or in January, 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 11.50-12.30pm. 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

We are now offering 30 hours funding in partnership with St John's Nursery to those eligible.

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



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

CHANGES TO FEES

The Pre-School has recently had an increase in its general overheads and therefore it is necessary for the fees to increase to cover this.

From January 2021 the following fee changes will apply...

Pre-School session (12:30-3:30) will increase to £17.00
Combined session (11:50-3.30) will increase to £20.00
Friday Pre-School session (12:30-2:00) will increase to £9.50
Friday combined session (11:50-2:00) will increase to £12.00
Lunch club sessions (11:50-12:30) will remain the same at £4.00

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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

The Pre-School urgently need parents/grandparents to join our friendly committee. Our current committee have been supporting us for the past 4 years and it's time for them to pass the responsibility onto new parents.

Please note that without a stable committee in place, the Pre-School cannot operate and will be forced to **CLOSE**. We have 3 roles up for grabs; **Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer**. If you think you have the skills and knowledge to fill one of these roles, please get in touch with Ekta for more details.

As an added incentive, you get **FREE LUNCH CLUB** for your child at Pre-School.

We meet approximately once every half term in the pub - what more reason do you need to join us? If you're interested or want to know more please speak to Ekta or join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday 18th November** at 8pm in the Cowper Arms pub, Digswell.

FINALLY....

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

Ekta

**Pre-School Leader
& Team**

Megan, Christine & Ana