

We would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome to Bottesford Pre-School; We hope you've all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the new term. This term we will be making sure all the children settle in and are happy, we will be talking about ourselves, our families and looking at our family sheets, as well as getting out and about in the village, visiting the park, school, library and shops.

Fun Day & BBQ Saturday September 16th 2pm-6pm

Everyone welcome! Please join us for our Annual Pre-School Fun Day. There will be lots of different stalls and games, tombola, face painting and a bouncy castle. To save you going home to cook tea there is also a BBQ and cake stall!

- ◆ Can you help by donating a prize or two for the tombola, or teddies/soft toys for our pick up game?. These can be dropped off at Pre-School anytime before the event.
- ◆ Or perhaps bake some cakes for the cake stall? These should be delivered to Pre-School on the actual day.
- ◆ We also need bottles for our mystery bottle game, this could be wine, water, oil, vinegar or even bubble bath as long as it is in a bottle!

We would love to see as many people there as possible, so please come along and support it and let's make it our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Labelling Clothes

Please can all children's belongings be named to avoid any confusion, as you can imagine we have lots of children with many duplicate items. You will see that we have named all the children's lunch boxes this helps them to find their own box and avoids any child eating the wrong lunch.

Please can we ask that no sun creams, nappy creams or medicines are left in children's bags this can be harmful to other children if they are allergic. Please speak to your child's keyperson if you require any further information.

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"Bags to School"

In the run-up to Christmas what better time to have a sort-out at home. Please bring in any unwanted items, clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats etc and help raise funds for Pre-School. Bags can be brought into Pre-School at any time or left in the plastic box outside the front door of Pre-School.

Items can be put in any suitable bag or ask for one of ours.

The next collection date is Tuesday **5th December**.

Fundraising at the Co-op.

We have **exciting news!**, the Co-op has chosen us to be one of their charities, so please support us by going on to their website www.coop.co.uk/membership and selecting us to receive 1% cash-back on everything you purchase. This will make a huge difference to our Pre-School funds. So far we have raised a fabulous **£269.00**.

Sue's News



Welcome back to the Autumn term, and to all new parents let me introduce myself—I am Sue Booth and I am your healthy eating co-ordinator, so if you have any problems with your child's diet or need any help with lunch box ideas please see me!

We have a display board where the lunch boxes are stored offering lots of information—please take a look. We also sell portion size pots for 50p to go in lunch boxes.

For anyone that doesn't know, your child doesn't need to bring a lunchtime drink as we provide jugs of water at the table. We put lunch out in nutritional order, any leftovers being returned home. Please can grapes and baby tomatoes be cut in half to avoid choking hazards. Any other questions?, I will be happy to help.

Sue Booth Healthy Eating Co-ordinator

Volunteers Needed !

Hi, I'm Pre-schools Community Activities Co-ordinator and I'm calling all mums, dads, grandparents, family and friends. Could you spare some time to come into Pre-School and do some kind of activity with our children?. Baking, singing, gardening or reading a story.

Any activity, any amount of time, a one off visit or on a regular basis, we would love to see you. We won't leave you unattended and will give you lots of support.

The children really enjoy meeting new people, talking to them, learning from them and sharing new experiences.

Please let me know if you would like to come in to see us. Thank you. **Julia Asher**

School Admissions

If your child will be four years old before 1st September 2018 and starting school for the first time the closing date for applications is 15th January 2018. To apply for a place you can apply on line at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions or direct at the local school. If you require any further information please speak to our transition co-ordinator, Catherine Avison. It would be really useful for transition if you could tell your child's key person which school you are hoping they will go to.

If you apply online, your primary school place result will be sent by email on offer day (16th April 2018)

Dates for your diary



Pre-School Funday!

Saturday September 16th

Join us for our annual Funday between 2pm—6pm.

Cakes donations can come in Friday 15th September

Pre-School AGM

10th October 7.00pm

Half Term Holiday

Monday 16th-Fri 20th October
Pre-school will be closed

Bags to school

Tuesday 5th December

Christmas Holiday

Pre-School closes Tuesday 19th December - Monday 8th January 2018

Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th December

More information to follow.
2pm to 5pm

Contact Telephone Numbers

If you change your mobile number or home telephone number please can you inform Pre-School immediately. It is extremely important that we can contact next of kin as soon as possible. Please make sure that one of the numbers on your child's registration form is obtainable at all times while your child is at Pre-School. Thank you.

Pre-School Committee

If you would be interested in joining our Pre-School committee, please see Kim or Lucinda for more details.