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## **News and Events**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to preschool after the long holidays, we hope you have had a restful break. May I take this opportunity to thank all parents who gave gifts at the end of last term, we very much appreciate this. I would also like to welcome all new children and parents to preschool this term.

### **MacMillan Coffee Afternoon**

St Margaret's Pre-school are holding a Coffee Afternoon to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support at **St Margaret's Pre-school on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm till 4pm**. Tea, coffee, juice, cakes and biscuits will all be for sale. Come along to meet new people and help raise funds for a good cause. **If you cannot come along you could bake or buy some cakes for the day.**

### **Naming Children's belongings**

Just a reminder to **please label or name all children's belongings**, especially hats, lunch boxes and coats. This makes it easier for staff to ensure the correct belongings go home with the right child.

### **Harvest Celebration**

Our Harvest Celebration this year is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 11.30am over at St Margaret's Church**; where there is a short presentation by the children. We ask for small food donations which are then forwarded to those in need by the church. If this is your child's usual session we will escort your child over to church, if not, we ask all families wishing to attend to arrive over at the church no earlier than 11:20am. You will receive an invitation nearer the date.

### **Quiz Night**

St Margaret's Pre-school Committee are holding a **Quiz night at Laceby Royal British Legion on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018** to help raise funds for the Pre-school to buy some waterproof clothing for the children to use in the mud kitchen. Doors open at **7pm and the quiz starts at 8pm** come along and test your knowledge. £1 entry per person and prizes to be won. Also Name cards and raffle to take part in. Please come along and support your Pre-school.

### **Bags 2 School**

At the **beginning of next half term** you will receive a bag to fill with any old clothes, shoes, handbags etc. to bring into pre-school to help us raise funds for some new equipment for the children. So **please hang onto your unwanted things!!!**

### **Committee Volunteers**

As you are aware St Margaret's Preschool is a Committee run organisation and as such we need members on our committee for us to function effectively, and to remain open. **There will be no Pre-school without a committee!!!** Membership of our Preschool setting carries expectations on parents for their support and commitment and you will be invited to partake in a meeting once a half term and help out with Fundraising events. The continued success of St Margaret's Preschool depends on you. Our A.G.M. (Annual General Meeting) is on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7:00pm at the Preschool Church Hall**. We are currently seeking new members to be involved with the Committee, to be involved in all changes large or small, so please come along to this meeting to see what it's all about. It is a fun task were you will be able to get to know other parents, what is happening in the pre-school and help with fun fundraising tasks too. If you would like more information or to attend please let Janine know. Many thanks.

### **Parent Helper**

If you would like to be a parent helper in any session, please ask a member of staff for days available. We welcome all parents into Preschool as it gives you an insight into the activities your child may access whilst within our care.

### **Letter sound of the week**

In the next week or so your children will be bringing home a small bag with the letter **sound** of the week clearly written on it. If you could help actively encourage your child to look for things beginning with that **sound** and bring them in to pre-school. May I remind parents (and children) to **avoid bringing into Preschool additional 'toys and teddy bears'** as they can be misplaced or damaged causing distress to the children and members of staff. Please only bring into Preschool items for the letter sound of the week which **fit into the bags** and **place the bags into the 'sounds box' on entry**.

### **Lending Library**

Every child will have the opportunity to borrow a book from our library on a weekly basis within session time. Your child will be given a named book bag (Plastic wallet). Please bring this book bag to Preschool daily as it will also be used for your child's work and other important information that may need to be sent home. **Please place the plastic wallet into the 'book bag box' on entry**. If you require a new book bag please ask any member of staff.

### **Preschool Fees**

May I remind all parents that fees **MUST** be paid by the end of each half term. Invoices go out at the beginning of term and also reminders are sent out two weeks before the end of term. If you pay your fees online please inform Janine so this can be confirmed with our treasurers. If you are experiencing difficulties paying please speak to Janine so a payment scheme can be arranged.

### **Half term holiday**

We finish for half term on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** (normal time) and return on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**.

Again may I take this opportunity to welcoming you back after the long break.

Kindest regards

Janine Barton