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Dear Parents, Carers & Children

### WELCOME BACK & NEW STARTERS

We have had a very successful first term and the new children have settled brilliantly too. We have two more new starters this term and we would like to welcome them and their families to Hilmarton Preschool. We hope you all have as much fun here playing and learning as we do!

If you have any questions please feel free to speak to any of the staff: Steph, Lynzi, Vicky and Catherine.



### TUESDAY FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School continues to be popular and we have had extra children join our Tuesday's forest sessions. Here is the Forest session overview:

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov: mud spider and spider web**

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov: leaf bowls and leaf art**

**18<sup>th</sup> Nov: clay stick faces**

**25<sup>th</sup> Nov: natural painting on trees and rocks**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: natural jewellery making**

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec: xmas tree**

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec: dream catchers**

As many of you have noticed we have three staff helping out at forest school now which means the children can explore more of the woods with safety and we are able to do more exciting and risky play but still be safe. We are always happy to have any parent volunteers at our forest sessions please see Lynzi if you are willing to help and join in the fun! If you are interested in your child joining our Forest Skills session please speak to Lynzi or Vicky.

### CLOTHING



Please make sure you bring your child in weather appropriate clothing, especially for Forest School, waterproofs, coat, wellies, hat, gloves and scarves are all needed! Please remember wellies for our welly walks on Wednesdays.

Sometimes wet accidents happen; especially when we are busy playing, so it is best if you bring in a **spare set of clothes** for your child as well.

We are very lucky to have our student helpers **Jess** and **Abi** to help us at Pre School this term and next term!



### Pre School Nativity Carol Service

This year we will be doing the traditional Christmas nativity with some of our favourite carols. To keep to the beautiful classic approach this year we will be performing it at St. Lawrence church Hilmarton at 5pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. You are all invited to join us for a sing song, please feel free to bring other family members along too! We have also invited the local community groups to come along such as the toddler group, Phoenix group and Parish Council.



### Christmas trip to visit Santa at Whitehall

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December am

The Christmas trip letter is in your child's book bags. Please sign and return before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November so that we are able to book before places run out. Thanks to the success of the Halloween Disco last term we are able to hire a minibus to take us to Whitehall Garden Centre in Lacock to visit Santa and receive a gift (if we've been good)! We'll be leaving Pre School at 9am so we'll need a quick and prompt drop off on that day. All children (including those not in on Mondays) are invited to come along on the trip.



### BABY NEWS Steph Bright

We would like to congratulate Steph and Jason who have just found out they are expecting their first child in May 2015. As it's early days we will try our hardest to make sure Steph does not do any heavy lifting, including children! We will be talking about new keyworkers and maternity cover closer to the time but wanted you the parents to hear it from us first. We are all very excited for Steph and Jase and would like to wish them well for a healthy and happy pregnancy.



### Cooked School dinners:

Like the school, we offer cooked school dinners from the school kitchen. Please see a member of staff if you are interested in this. Wednesday's roast dinners are always mouth-watering, look and smell delicious!!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### November

18th - Committee 7.30pm

#### December

8<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Trip

10<sup>th</sup> - Nativity 5pm

18<sup>th</sup> - LAST DAY OF TERM 2

19<sup>th</sup> - TD

#### January

5<sup>th</sup> - FIRST DAY OF TERM 3



### Lunch Boxes – encouraging healthy eating:

We have noticed in some lunch boxes the children that are not being given any fruit or vegetables have crisps or chocolate as substitutes. At Pre School we try and encourage healthy eating and ask the parents/carers try their best to follow this at lunch time too. We appreciate not all children like **fruit and vegetables** so ask that foods like **cheese, yoghurt or rice cakes** replace the chocolate and crisps? Thank you.

### PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

Please join us for a parents only evening to talk about fundraising ideas and our website. The committee is very important to us as it helps support the smooth running of the Preschool.

If you would like to come along for a social evening and get to know what being part of the committee is all about please see staff.

Next meeting: **TUES 18<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm**



### FACEBOOK UPDATES

Please like and join our Preschool Facebook page to see our daily updates and our Preschool Blog.