



**St. John's Pre-School, St. John's Centre, 222 Epsom Road,
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St. John's Pre-School Newsletter 2016

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**Welcome to your Spring newsletter, just a couple of
important things...**

**If any parents have any issues or wish to discuss any
comments can they please speak to Mandy or the Co-Chair's of
the committee, Sam Spiller or Debbie Taylor.**

**We are bidding a fond farewell to Jane at the end of term. She
has been a valuable member of the team here at St. John's Pr
e-School for the past 7 years. The staff and committee would
like to wish her well with her future plans.**

Vacancy

We are looking for a Pre-School Assistant for 2 days a week.

Minimum Level 3 Qualification

Salary relevant to experience

DBS check required

For further information and application details please call

01483 454625 and leave a message.

Dates for your diary

We would like to invite any new/existing parents or prospective parents or guardians for a coffee and informal chat at **9.45am on Thursday 25th February 2016** at St. John's Pre-School to discuss how the Pre-School operates and the roles of the committee.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to have a tour of the Pre-School and meet the staff. For any further information on this please speak to Mandy or a member of the committee.



Our Easter service will be on Thursday 24th March 2016 at 11.00am in St. John's Church. Children who do not attend Pre-School on Thursday's are asked to arrive at the Pre-School at 10.45am.

This will be followed by teas, coffees and cake at the Pre-School. You will also have the opportunity to buy tickets for the chocolate tombola. All funds raised go directly to the Pre-School.

We will be collecting in chocolate donations from the 14th March, more details to follow. Parents are invited at 12.15pm to see the children participate in the Easter Bonnet Parade. Entry is £1 per child.



If any parents/guardians are interested in helping on the committee, whether it be making teas and coffees at fundraisers or taking on a titled role, please speak to one of the Committee Members or Mandy. Without volunteers the Committee would be unable to fulfil its overall role in the management of the Pre-School.



Christmas Jumper Week

We raised an amazing £60 for
Macmillan Cancer by wearing
Christmas jumpers!
Thank you for all your
contributions!!

Sainsburys Active Kids

We are now collecting the Active Kids
vouchers that you receive when you
shop at Sainsburys. So remember to say
"YES" when they ask if you are collect-
ing the vouchers! Also tell all your
family and friends to save them and
pass them onto you for your Childs
Pre-School!

Term Dates



Spring Term: Monday 11th
January 2016 - Thursday 24th
March 2016

Half Term: 15th - 19th February



Summer Term: Monday 11th
April 2016 - Friday 15th July
2016

Half Term: 30th May - 3rd June 2016

Important

Ofsted now wish to see how we
promote good attendance and how we
monitor non-attendance. It has been
proven that good attendance links to
the achievements and progress your
child makes. Please ensure your child
attends regularly as frequently missed
sessions may become a safeguarding
concern. If your child is unwell, please
call: 01483 454625 and leave a message
on the answerphone. Illnesses are
recorded as such in the register. Non-
attendance with no explanation is
classed as an unauthorised absence and
will be recorded as such. Attendance in
Early Years provision is not statutory -
you may take a day out or go on
holiday! We only request that we are
informed beforehand, so that we may
adjust staffing ratios accordingly.

However, if you need to contact Pre-
school for any other reason, please
email:

amanda.bazley@saintjohnspreschool.org.uk

Foyer: We have had a request from
the Parish Office that parents keep the
foyer tidy and do not arrive before
9:20am. Also, please put your chairs
away and leave it as you find it.

Use of the foyer is not included in our
hire agreement of the hall, it is
offered with the good will of the
church. Some children are running
around in the mornings, risking acci-
dents with each other and to other
users of the centre. Please ensure your
child behaves appropriately whilst in

the foyer, as ultimately we risk losing this perk.

In wet weather please could buggies be left by the door so that the wet wheels on the floor do not cause a slip hazard.

Allergies: We have children with severe food allergies, therefore snack boxes should contain only **fruit or vegetables or breadsticks**. Please ensure that no food is left in a child's bag. Any food deemed unsuitable will be confiscated.

If your child is having grapes in their snack box could you please ensure they are cut into quarters.

NOTE: Nut allergies can be very severe, if your child has enjoyed peanut butter for breakfast, please ensure their hands and face have been washed thoroughly. Also, medication of any kind should be handed to Mandy.

Health and Safety: Please remember that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting, they should be kept at **home for at least 48 hours** after the symptoms have gone. Also, if your child has needed Calpol or other pain relief then they are considered unfit to attend Pre-school. In the event of an epidemic of any illness, the Health Protection Agency may advise us to close the Pre-school.

- Plimsolls- Parents please provide plimsolls for your children to prevent slipping.
- Jewellery- No jewellery or watches should be worn to Pre-school.

Uniforms: St. John's Pre-school sweatshirts and polo shirts are available for sale. Although these are not

compulsory, they are recommended, as the children take part in lots of messy play. Please see Mandy if you would like to purchase any.

COST: £9.00 polo shirts
£10.00 sweatshirts

Contact details: Please ensure all contact details are up to date. Please ensure your email address is correct as this is the way you will receive newsletters and updates. See Mandy if contact details need to be amended.

Parent helpers: We are always grateful for an extra pair of hands, so if you would like to come in to Pre-school, to share books or play with the children, please speak to Mandy. Also, please remember that you are welcome to speak to your child's key person or see your child's Learning Journey at any time - just ask.

Suggestions box: We have a suggestions box on the floor next to the notice board. We welcome all suggestions/comments - positive or negative.

Childcare Vouchers can be used to pay Pre-school fees. Check with employers to see if they provide them or look on www.surrey.cc.gov.uk/familyfinance for further information.

A request from Mandy please can girls wear shorts or leggings due to the nature of the equipment used in Pre-school.

Labelling: If you order labels through www.easy2name.com and reference 'St-Johns Pre-school GU1' then the Pre-school will receive a percentage of the cost. ALL children's property needs to

be labelled as the Pre-school cannot take responsibility for lost items.

Fundraising ideas are always welcomed, if you have an idea please tell Mandy or one of the committee members.

Parking: As the car park is often very busy, please consider alternative parking venues:

- Permission has been granted to use the Horse and Groom car park in the mornings **ONLY**.
- Merrow allotments car park is free to use.
- Merrow Street.

Please do not park in the spot marked "Clergy".

Do not park on the road/path outside St. John's as the Community Police Officer is very vigilant.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

The Pre-School Staff and Committee