

Norton Pre-School Newsletter

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Autumn Term 1st Half Term 2010

Welcome Back

Welcome back for the start of a new school year. We are pleased to welcome, Daisy H, Janet, Harry H, Finlay, Daisy N, Charlotte, George, Layton, Darcey, Gracie, Summer and Charlie W and their families to the Pre-School we hope that they will enjoy their time with us at Norton Pre-School.

Coffee Morning Saturday 11th September

Penny is holding a coffee morning at Street Farm, Norton on Saturday 11th September on behalf of the Pre-School 10am -12 noon. We have a promise from a local company that all monies raised at the coffee morning will be doubled by them, so please come along and support your Pre-School. Please see the posters in the Pre-School for more details. We need items for the bring and buy so if you have any unwanted gifts that you could donate please bring them along to the Pre-School by Friday 10th September.

After School Club

Just to remind everyone that our new After School Club is open now 3pm – 5pm. Although we welcome regular bookings, sessions can be booked on a when needed basis. The cost per session for the Autumn term is £5 per session. Sessions can be booked on the day but please telephone the Pre-School as early as possible to check on availability. Our Breakfast Club is also open 8am - 9am and costs £3.15 per session.

Parents and Carers Social

Why not come and make some new friends. Our next parents and carers social will be on Thursday 21st October at the Dog public house in Norton from 7.15pm. Please sign up on the list in the Pre-School.

Payment of Fees

Payment of fees can now be paid by bank transfer, please see the rear of your invoice for details. Cash and cheques are still very welcome. Whichever method of payment you are using, please return the tear off slip on the invoice with payment please.

Extra sessions

As you will see we are very busy this term and all morning sessions are now full. Afternoon and lunch club sessions are still available Monday – Friday. If you would like to increase your child's sessions either this term or for the Spring term please can you speak to Anne or Kim as soon as possible so that we are aware of the additional sessions you require.

Dates for your diary 2010-2011

Autumn term 1 st half	2 nd September - 21 st October
No Pre-School – professional development day	Friday 22 nd October
Half Term Holiday No Pre-School	25 th – 29 th October
Autumn term 2 nd Half	1 st November -17 th December
Christmas holiday No Pre-School	20 th December – 5 th January
Spring term 1 st half	6 th January – 18 th February
Half term holiday No Pre-School	21 st – 25 th February
Spring Term 2 nd Half	28 th February – 8 th April
Easter Holiday No Pre-School	11 th – 26 th April

Autumn Term 1st Half 2010 ACTIVITIES

Please find below some of the activities and events that we have planned for all the children this half term:

Week 1-2 2nd - 10th September All about me!

Each Keyperson will be spending time over the next few weeks producing and updating the children's All about Me books with the children. The All about Me books are kept in the child's drawer and we build on these throughout your child's time with us. *Please can the children bring to Pre-School photographs of their family, pets, house, friends, favourite toys, or anything that they feel is important to them.*

Special days and festivals this week: Thursday: Roshashan the Jewish New Year. We will be celebrating by enjoying apples and honey to wish each other a sweet New Year.

Friday: Eid Ul-Fitr. We will be celebrating Eid the end of Ramadam by making Eid cards.

Week 3 13th -17th September. Harvest

Special days and festivals this week: Harvest.

This week we will be harvesting our garden. Digging up potatoes, picking tomatoes and beans and collecting seeds from the garden ready for next year. We will be making a harvest display, baking bread and saying thank you for all the food we have to eat.

If you have fruit or vegetables that you are growing at home please could the children bring some to share with the group or for our harvest display.

Week 4 20th -24th September. Pirates

We will be having lots of pirate activities throughout the week, including hunting for treasure, making our slide into a pirate ship and of course talking like a pirate.

Special days and festivals this week: Monday 20th Talk like a Pirate day. *Please can the children dress as a pirate today for talk like a pirate day!*

Thursday we will be celebrating Sukkot the Jewish Harvest.

Week 5 27th September- 1st October. Families

Special days and festivals this week:

Grandparents day 3rd October. The children will be making cards for grandparents. Grandparents are welcome to join us during the sessions this week and spend some time playing with their grandchildren in the setting.

Friday 1st October is Jeans for Jeans day. We would like the children to wear their jeans to Pre-School today. *Please can the children bring to Pre-School this week a pocket from a pair of jeans.* The children will be decorating these and you will be able to purchase them on Friday for a small donation to the Jeans for Geans Day charity.

Week 6 4th – 8th October. Animals

Special days and festivals this week:

Monday 4th October is World Animal Day our activities this week will have an animal theme, including making animals in art and craft, animal stories and rhymes, being animals in movement and playing in our role play jungle. *Please can the children find pictures of animals to bring to Pre-School.*

Children's book week. This week is also Children's book week and we would like the children to bring their favourite book to Pre-School to share with the group.

Week 7 11th – 15th October. Autumn

We hope that Autumn will be in full swing this week and we will be enjoying taking an Autumn walk and collecting resources to use in our autumn activities.

Please can the children bring Autumn items that they have collected at home to Pre-School this week to share with the group and to use in our Autumn Display.

Special days and festivals this week:

Tuesday: National Day of Spain. Today our Pre-School will have a Spanish theme. We will be saying hello and counting in Spanish, finding out where Spain is on our map. We will be flamenco dancing and making and tasting vegetable paella

Week 8 18th – 21st October Autumn

We will be continuing our Autumn theme this week and making an Autumn display.

Special days and festivals this week:

National Baking Week- The children will be baking cakes and biscuits to celebrate National Baking Week

Thursday: Everybody writes day. We will be focusing on writing today by writing notes, letters and cards. We will also have a table outside for you to write your messages to the Pre-School with your child. The best way to get children interested in writing, is for them to see you writing. Write a shopping list, letter, thank you note or card with your child. Don't worry if their attempts look like scribble, these scribbles will eventually turn into to shapes and letter shapes with time. Holding a pen or pencil and wanting to 'write' is the first step to becoming a writer.