

# Norton Pre-School Newsletter

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## Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term 2011 UPDATE

The new academic year has started very well and the children are all gelling as a group. We have adjusted our sessions to enable the children plenty of time to explore the Pre-School and join in activities freely. After Half Term we will begin to add a little more structure by introducing focus activities for our Eagle children and split story times.

### After School Club

We have had a very good response to the extended opening hours of the after school club we are now open Monday – Friday until 6pm. We have also relooked at how we can offer the popular 3-4pm session that some parents were disappointed that they could no longer use this term.

Priority will be given to parents booking 3-5pm or 3-6pm, but if you would like a 3-4pm session for your child it can be booked on the day you wish to use it. You will not be able to book the 3-4pm session in advance or on a regular basis and are not guaranteed. Places for this session will depend on the number of children who have booked regular 3-5/6pm sessions. We suggest that you ring us first thing in the morning to check on availability.

### Spencer Brown Photography

Spencer Brown will be visiting us on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October to take photos of the children. Children who attend on Fridays will automatically have their photograph taken if they are willing. If your child does not attend a Friday session or you would like them to have photos taken as a family or with siblings please book a time to come along. The booking sheet can be found on the A Frame at the front of the Pre-School. There is no obligation to buy any of the photographs.

### October Half Term Holiday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Our half term holiday club will be open Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 8am –6pm. We are now also able to offer sessional places – either a morning 9am -12 noon or 12.30-3.30pm session with or without a 30minutes lunch club. Please see the letter attached for more details.

We are also running holiday clubs during Christmas, February half term, Easter, May and the Summer Holidays please ask for a booking form if you are interested in any sessions for your child.

### Teddy Bear Big Brew Up – CHANGE OF DATE

The date for the Teddy Bear Big Brew up has been changed to **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9am -11am** Teddy Bear Big Brew Up in aid of SSAFA (the Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Families Association) All parents, grandparents, friends, family and children welcome. Please come along, bring your friends for a coffee, tea, slice of cake and a chat, and help us to raise money for a good cause. We would welcome donations of cakes and biscuits to sell on the day. To be held in the village Hall.

### Collection Times

Please can we remind all parents and carers of the importance of collecting their child on time. If you are going to be late for any reason, please telephone the Pre-School to inform us. We can then reassure your child that you are on your way. If children are collected late then our adult to child ratio is compromised and staff are not able to take their breaks on time, which then affects later sessions. It is our policy that if a child is collected more than 15 minutes late, a late collection fee will be charged and parents/carers who repeatedly collect their child late may have sessions withdrawn.

Breakfast Club 8am -9am

Pre-School morning session 9am -12 noon

Pre-School lunch club 12-12.30pm

Pre-School Afternoon session 12.30-3pm

After School Club 3pm – 6pm

Out of School Clubs 8am - 6pm.

### Dates for your diary

**Half Term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – No Pre-School sessions**

October Half Term Holiday Club Open Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**End of Autumn Term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Holiday Club 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011

**Pre-School begins again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**February Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – No Pre-School Sessions**