

St Michael's Pre-school

Newsletter - January 2017

Company No. 9894699

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. It has been lovely seeing how well the children have coped with coming back to pre-school. We've loved hearing about all the wonderful things you've been up to as a family.

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## Photo wall



Photo wall - We would really like you support in creating 'Our Family' board. We would love for you to provide us with a photo or alternatively send to me via email at: [Rachel.Praoline@stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:Rachel.Praoline@stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk).

We look forward to seeing lots of photos and celebrating these with the children during circle times.

Please keep us updated with any changes of personal details. It is important for us to keep up to date information, in case of emergencies.

## Snack



Please remember that we happily welcome your £1 weekly snack donations. This helps towards a healthy variety of foods and opportunities to make healthy choices. This also supports our food tasting activities, for example, the children will be trying some Chinese foods next week to support our 'Chinese New Year' topic. We thank you for your support with this. Please look out for our snack menu which includes known allergens. This can be found on our notice board.



## Bournemouth SureStart Children's Centres

Children's centre- As you may know, our setting is used as a children's centre each afternoon. These sessions are free and a lovely experience for everyone. Please ask for a leaflet if you are interested in attending.

Do you have any concerns about your child's speech, language or communication development? If so, why not pop along to see a speech and language therapist during the children's centre stay and play session. Your child can play and learn whilst you get free advice and support. The speech and language therapist will be joining us at St Michael's on 3/02/17 & 3/03/17 at 1:30-2:30. Please see Rachel (Manager) or Katy (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) if you have any questions. This is a fantastic opportunity and I strongly recommend you take advantage of this.



We welcome you to join us on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10:45. Your children may have already told you that we are learning about Chinese New Year. The children so far have enjoyed looking at and making some lovely creations, learning a 'Happy Kung Hei Fat Choy' song, watching special clips of dancing, and much more. We would love to share some of this with you. Please access pre-school through the West Hill Road entrance. Session will run as usual. Please let me know if you are unable to attend. If you have any resources that will support our topic during circle times, please feel free to bring them in.

# Bags



Thank you for your support with the bags.

These are still on offer for £2 should you wish to have one.

## *Have you applied for your child's school place?*

A friendly reminder to ensure you have all applied for your child's school place. You can apply via paper form or online and the closing date for this is

**15 January 2017**

Apply online at <https://enrol.bournemouth.gov.uk>. Attending St Michael's Pre-school does not automatically guarantee you a place within the school.

# Belongings



Please ensure all items are named. It makes it much easier for us to support the children when they are not familiar with all their belongings yet.

Can we please keep toys from home to a minimum, unless you feel it is a comfort to your child. These items seem to get lost easily, so we would rather they stayed safely at home.



# Slippers and Shoes



You may have noticed that each keyworker is based in a particular room and will rotate around the setting on a weekly basis. The slipper/shoe boxes will be in the appropriate key group room and we hope you will support your child to change as independently as possible. You will also notice that each child will have a name card. These will be placed in a box and we encourage you to support your child to find their name and place it on the board for our self-registration. Please ask your child's keyworker if you are unsure about anything.

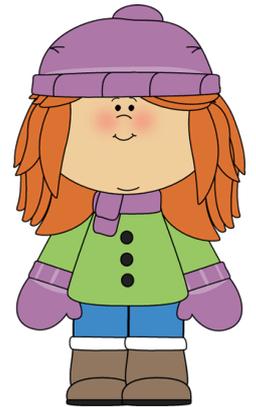


Please join us in welcoming Kym to our Pre-school Team. Kym has been a parent volunteer for the past two years and has now joined our staff as a Pre-school Assistant.

We are also lucky to have Carolyn helping us as a Volunteer every Tuesday. She has a passion for Early Years and is keen to further her knowledge

### Reminder

As you are aware, we go outside whatever the weather. As we enter the colder weather, it is important that you provide the correct clothing to keep the children safe and warm. We provide each child with wet weather trousers and coats and ask you to provide a warm jumper, coat, wellies, hat and scarf.



Children suffering from a gastrointestinal illness (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) **MUST be kept off Pre-school for 48 hours** after the symptoms have stopped to limit the spread of infection.

Please look out for our monthly top tip



## Dates for your Diary

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| 15 January     | School Application Deadline                          |
| 20 January     | Chinese New Year Celebration                         |
| 13—17 February | Half Term Holiday                                    |
| 20 February    | Main School Staff Training—Pre-school open as usual. |
| 7 April        | Last Day of Spring Term                              |
| 24 April       | First Day of Summer Term                             |