

# Kelsall Pre-School Spring Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Staffing updates:

Next half term following completion of her social work degree and an upcoming SENCO course, Rachel Jones will be taking over from Liane Littler as our setting SENCO. Please feel free to contact her if you would like to organise a meeting or have any concerns:

[rachel.kpsk@outlook.com](mailto:rachel.kpsk@outlook.com)

All key workers now have a direct email address, if you would like to communicate directly with them, please email the office at:  
[kelsall.preschool@uwclub.net](mailto:kelsall.preschool@uwclub.net)  
to be advised of your child's key worker and their email address.

## **Pyjama Day Fundraiser**

In aid of charity all staff and children will be coming to preschool on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb dressed in PJ's or onesies! Please consider bringing a suggested donation in of £2.

Money raised from this special day will go to Cracker Jacks children's charity.

Crackerjack's is a charity based in the midlands which raises funds for children and families living with disability. Please see their website for more information.

[www.crackerjacks.org.uk](http://www.crackerjacks.org.uk)

## **Hat Day**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb we will be wearing hats to Pre School, just for fun! Bring a hat along and join in.



## Happy New Year Welcome to a new term!

Last term was very busy and all of the staff at Pre-School would like to thank parents for all their help, support and attendance with the numerous festive events last term, especially to those parents who came along to help out and kindly donated raffle prizes. Thank you also for the many lovely gifts we received at Christmas time.

This terms theme is 'winter'. We will be looking at the seasonal changes and what they bring over the next 6 weeks. We will also be looking closely at Chinese New Year towards the end of the month.

If you have any resources such as books or games at home which fit into our theme, please do bring them in so we can share them with the children.

## Committee and AGM news:

Last term we looked to hold our annual AGM, however we have rescheduled for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6pm due to a lack of interest.

As some of you are already aware, Kelsall Pre School is a committee led charity. In order for pre-school to continue we must have an active and viable committee in place. The committee meets once per half term to discuss management issues regarding the Pre-School. You will find more information about the roles and responsibilities of committee members attached to an email sent out at the end of last term.

There are also more minor roles on the committee and if you do not wish to take on a role you will still find a warm welcome at the AGM where you can find out other ways in which you can support the smooth running of our Pre-School.

## Tapestry and Social Media

We have now been successfully using the tapestry program to monitor the children's progress for almost 4 months! It has been a steep learning curve for all of us at Pre-School but is proving to be a fantastic new resource. Almost all parents are now logging on regularly to view photos, observations and even short videos of their children which are posted regularly.

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## Diary Dates

AGM: 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - 6PM

P.J Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Hat Day : 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
(wear any hat to pre-school)

Half Term: 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

## Lunch Box reminders

A quick reminder that we are a nut free setting.

Please check items, especially cereal bars for nuts. We have children who suffer from peanut and nut allergies in the setting.

Please check the ingredients list for nuts, these are highlighted in bold lettering on packaging.

Grapes and tomatoes must be cut in half lengthways; this is a precaution as there have been incidents of children choking on such foods in the media recently

## Tapestry and Social Media continued

If you are having any issues logging on to the tapestry website or phone app please do let us know. As you may have noticed there has been a system update over the holidays which may have caused minor log in issues.

As you may be aware you can also post observations for your child from home, we would love to see the things they get up to at home so we can talk about them in Pre-School and plan activities around their interests and experiences from home.

**\*Important\*** At the end of last term your child's key worker posted an end of term report on tapestry, please could you comment on this, so that we know it has been seen. You can view this report by clicking on the 'reports' button on the browser version of tapestry. Then click 'edit' to enable you to leave a comment in the comments section at the bottom of the report. If you would prefer a printed copy, please ask or email the office.

If you have any feedback about tapestry at all we would like to hear your feedback, please email us at [kelsall.preschool@uwclub.net](mailto:kelsall.preschool@uwclub.net) with any comments you may have, good or bad so we can look to improve our use of the tapestry system.

We do post from time to time on social media. This is to advertise our setting amongst the local community, and show other parents the wonderful learning opportunities we provide here. We did send out media permission forms last year, unfortunately not all have been returned, so if you have not returned your form and do not wish your child to appear on social media, please let us know.

We do use Facebook and Twitter for important notifications such as emergency closures. We will also always answer any queries posted by parents on social media. We also have a new and updated website which shows all our term dates and staffing details.

### *Website:*

[www.kelsallpre-school.com](http://www.kelsallpre-school.com)

### *Facebook:*

[www.facebook.com/kelsallpreschoolandklub](http://www.facebook.com/kelsallpreschoolandklub)

### *Twitter*

[www.twitter.com/KPreSchool1](http://www.twitter.com/KPreSchool1)

