

# Staunton

on Wye

## Pre-School & Kids Club

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Happy New Year everyone!

We welcome Millie, Rhaya and Simeon to Pre-School.

The half term ahead looks briefly like this ....

**Week 1** (6<sup>th</sup> January) – We will be welcoming the children, old and new, back to Pre-School. Our topic this half term is shapes, and this week we will be looking at circles. Our word of the week is 'sphere'.

**Week 2** (13<sup>th</sup> January) – We will be exploring squares this week. Our word of the week is 'cube'.

**Week 3** (20<sup>th</sup> January) – This week we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year (25<sup>th</sup>), the year of the rat. Our word of the week is 'Ni hao'.

**Week 4** (27<sup>th</sup> January) – We will be learning about triangles this week. Our word of the week is 'pyramid'.

**Week 5** (3<sup>rd</sup> February) – This week we will be singing nursery rhymes, some we already know, and some new ones too. Our word of the week is 'rhyme'.

**Week 6** (10<sup>th</sup> February) – We will be talking about Valentine's Day (14<sup>th</sup>) this week. Our word of the week is 'love'.

Items of interest for our 'Interest Table', relating to any of the weekly themes, would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any suggestions linked to these topics, or your children's own interests that we could extend at Pre-School, we would love to hear them.

### Letters and Sounds

The older children will be exploring voice sounds – distinguishing between the differences in vocal sounds, to include oral blending and segmenting.

### Hot Lunches

If any parent/carer is interested in ordering lunches from our caterer, please request a copy of the menu and order form from a member of staff.

### Facebook

Reminder that we no longer need to have your details for you to join our facebook page. All you need to do is search for Staunton-on-Wye Pre-School and add us as a friend. This is a great way of keeping in touch with what we are up to.

### Visitors

Our Outdoor Practitioner, Charlie, will continue to join us at Pre-School every Monday morning.

Spanish  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Dance  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

### Toddlers

Toddlers will begin in the New Year on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am – 11.30am. All welcome.

### Request!

Can anybody help with any of the following:

- Small offcuts of soft wood
- Wooden cotton reels
- Natural corks
- Log slices
- Tyres
- Cable reels
- Gutters

Our outdoor practitioner does lots of exciting activities with the children and would be very grateful for any of the above.

We are also short of spare clothes, especially trousers. Donations would be gratefully received.

### Fundraising

So far, since September, you have helped us raise an incredible £620. The Christmas Fair alone raised £564.

Our Children In Need fundraiser achieved £51.78.

Well done everyone and thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Our next Pre-School Fundraiser will be discussed in the new year. Look out for more details.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am we are organising a 'Coffee and Croissant' event here at Pre-School, in aid of our chosen charity, The Woodland Trust. All welcome to come along for a cuppa and chat. So far, since September, we have raised £5.00 for the Trust. Please join us in trying to raise some more funds for this great cause on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

### Purchases!

Thanks to your incredible fundraising efforts, we have been able to buy new Muddy Puddle suits, a pram, dolls, light boards, and in addition to that we paid for the children to see The Elves and the Shoemaker at The Courtyard, a visit to The Coop and a Christmas party and presents for all children. Thank you to everyone involved.

### Coffee Morning

There is a village coffee morning in the village hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, and we are looking for volunteers to represent Pre-School at the event. Please speak to a member of staff if you are interested.

### Tea Party

Our next tea party will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm.

All welcome to come along to be entertained by the children. Please stay with us for refreshments afterwards.

### Car Safety

In order to ensure the safety of all children at school and Pre-School, please do not leave your cars unattended in the car park with the engine running. Could we also remind you that it is not advisable to leave babies and children unattended in a car.

### Christmas Cards

We would be very grateful for donations of any unwanted Christmas cards for the children to cut and stick.

### Inclement Weather

As it has been such a mild autumn so far a severe snow storm seems unlikely, but please listen to radio Hereford and Worcester on 94.7FM. They will announce closures, or alternatively go to <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>. We also plan to keep our facebook page updated.

If Staunton primary school is closed then the Pre-School will also be closed.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**07.01.20** – Start of term

**14.01.20** - Spanish

**18.01.20** – Coffee morning, village hall

**21.01.20** - Dance

**27.01.20** – ‘Coffee and Croissant’

**28.01.20** – Spanish

**04.02.20** – Dance

**11.02.20** - Spanish

**12.02.20** - Tea Party

**14.02.20** – Break up for Half Term

Back to Pre-School

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**