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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

A warm welcome to the new children and their families who have joined us this term ☺

Our Christmas events were a big success with the family disco and the Christmas sing-along raising a total of **£299.69!** We plan to use this money to buy some new toys, some trundle bikes and to replace some of the other outdoor equipment that is looking a bit worn out. A big thank you to all who came along!

Find us on Facebook!

Please do subscribe to our Facebook pages. We share info on what we've been doing, forthcoming activities and, of course, it's a great way to keep in touch with all our parents and carers. We operate an "open" page which includes general information about us and a "closed" page only accessible to those connected to the Pre-school. Simply click on the links below to subscribe, give us a thumbs up and post comments. We're always looking for new input so if anyone has any good ideas for our Facebook pages please see either Amy Poole (mum to Imogen) or Rebecca Durrant (mum to Elodie).

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Committee

Our new committee is up and running and working hard and we're really enjoying having some new members and the fresh perspective they bring. If you are interested in joining the committee, it's not too late. The next meeting will take place on Monday 6th March at 9.15am in the back room (free chocolate biscuits included! 😊). All are very welcome. If you have anything you would like to bring to the committee's attention in advance of the meeting, you can do so by contacting our pre-school leader, Janet Crane at janetcrane56@gmail.com, and/or our Chair, Matt Lynch at mail@matthewlynch.co.uk.



30 Hour Free Childcare Entitlement

As you probably know, from September 2017, the government will introduce an additional 15 hours a week of free childcare for working parents of three and four-year-olds. You can find out if you will be eligible by clicking on this link: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

Dates for your Diary



February

- Thursday 9th February from 9 am, Valentine's Sing-along and Cake Sale. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and listen to the children sing a selection of songs. There will be a raffle too. Please bring in prizes and cake donations.
 - Friday 10th February, last day of term.
 - Monday 20th February, start of new term.

March

- Monday 6th March, Committee Meeting in back room from 9.15am.

April

- Tuesday 4th April from 9am, Easter Fayre. Do you enjoy making hand crafted products as a hobby? If so, you might like to run a stall at our Easter Fayre. Please speak to a member of the committee for more details.

Clothes

Outdoor play – Even though the weather is cold, we still like to let the children enjoy the outdoor play area and nature garden. Please ensure that your child has weather-appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear, and that everything is named.

Please make sure all clothing and lunch boxes have your child's name on.

TERM DATES FOR 2016/17

Spring Term

03 January 2017 to Friday 10 February 2017
Monday 20 February 2017 to Friday 07 April 2017

Summer Term

Monday 24 April 2017 to Friday 26 May 2017
(Monday 01 May 2017 Early May bank holiday)

Thursday 04 May closed for polling

Monday 05 June 2017 to Thursday 20 July 2017

Please note these dates may differ slightly from local school term dates.

Don't forget to visit our website!

<http://www.mortimerhallpreschool.com/> for more information about us. Also you can find regular updates about what we will be doing with the children each week at <http://www.mortimerhallpreschool.com/childrens-activities-this-week.html>

Late Collection: Thank you to all parents for a big improvement in collecting children on time 😊