



Mortimer Hall Pre-school

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Newsletter November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

A belated welcome to all our new parents and carers this year. We usually send out a newsletter in September but it has been a particularly busy start to the year and so ... apologies ... this is the first.

Following our AGM in October, we are delighted to announce that we have a new Chair. Matt Lynch (dad to Eleanor and Dexter) has generously volunteered and we are very much looking forward to working with him. We are also pleased to welcome Rebecca Durrant (mum to Elodie), Melissa Smart (mum to Scarlett) and Sarah Beadle (mum to twins Rio and Renzo) to the committee this year. It is great to have some new faces! Thanks too to Holly Crane (mum to Mya and Ashley) for continuing as Treasurer and to Amy Poole (mum to Imogen) and Andrea Jones (former Treasurer) for staying on for another year.

If anyone else is interested in joining the committee, it's not too late. The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th January at 9.15am in the back room. 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 Janet Crane on janetcrane56@gmail.com and/or Matt Lynch at mail@matthewlynch.co.uk.

Comments Box

In case you don't know, there is a Comments Box available at pre-school. We welcome all comments (positive and negative), suggestions and ideas.

How are we doing?



There is lots coming up in the run up to Christmas - please note these important dates for your diary:



November

- Saturday 26th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Christmas Disco
Tickets are £1 each (under 2's are free but must have a ticket for numbers for fire regulations). There will be adult and children's bars and a raffle.

- Monday 28th November - does anyone have any time to spare after drop-off on a Monday morning? We will be wrapping presents in the back room for the Children's party and some extra pairs of hands would be a big help.

December



- Tues 6th from 9.30am Christmas sing-a-long.



Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie and listen to the children sing a selection of Christmas songs. There will be a raffle too.

- Wednesday 14th from 10 am - 1 pm: Christmas party. All children will receive an invite. A list for food contributions will be displayed nearer the time.

Important: If your child usually does wraparound on a Wednesday, please be sure to speak to a member of staff to be clear about drop-offs and collections. We will NOT be open for 'normal' sessions on this date and we break up for the Christmas holiday at the end of the party.

Late Collection of Children

Please note that parents/ carers who regularly collect children late will be charged £6 per quarter of an hour or part of to cover the cost of the two members of staff who have to stay behind. We will be getting stricter about this!

Clothes

Outdoor play - As the weather gets colder, 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

Autumn Term

Monday 05 September 2016 – Friday 21 October 2016
Monday 31 October 2016 to Wednesday 14 December 2016

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)
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>

Facebook pages

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