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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, here we are hurtling towards the end of the autumn term and more importantly, Christmas!!! This is a super time for our children and we are already doing lots of festive activities to get them in the spirit. For more details, see the Children's Activities this Week page on our website under

News and Notifications or click on this link:-

<http://www.mortimerhallpreschool.com/childrens-activities-this-week.html>

Don't worry - you can join in the fun too at our forthcoming Christmas events - more on these below!

Friday Afternoons

As you know, our Friday afternoon session is now up and running. So far we only have a few children attending. If you are interested in adding a session, (even if just short term while you do some extra Christmas shopping), please speak to either Janet or Alison. Session price is £13.

AGM and Committee

Thank you to all who attended the coffee morning and AGM in October, to Sarah Beadle, Holly Crane and Amy Poole who have agreed to serve on the committee for a further year, and especially to our new committee members, Stephanie Best, Pedro Morais and Becky and Mick Bates. It is great to have some new faces!

If anyone else is interested in joining the committee, it's not too late. The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday 18th January in the back room. Time of meeting is still TBC so please check if you are thinking of coming along. 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 at janetcrane56@gmail.com, Alison Edwards at mortimerhallps@yahoo.co.uk or by speaking to any of the committee in Pre-School. And, don't forget, there is a comments box on the desk. The committee welcomes all comments (positive and negative), suggestions and ideas.

facebook

Help Wanted!

We would like to make better use of our Facebook pages but need some ideas as to how to go about it. If there any social media-savvy parents who could spare half an hour to show us, we would be so grateful. Please speak to any member of staff. Thank you. ☺

www.facebook.com/mortimerhallpreschool?fref=ts this is an "open" page

www.facebook.com/groups/mortimerhallpreschool/ is a "closed" page.

Here are the important dates for your diary:-

- **Thursday 30th November** - does anyone have any time to spare after drop-off on a Thursday 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.
- **Saturday 2nd December from 6:00 pm – 8:00 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 with prizes generously donated from many of our local businesses.



- **Wednesday 6th December 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 13th December from 10 am – 1 pm Christmas party.** All children will receive an invite. Look out for the list for food contributions which 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.



Pushchair Reminder: Could we politely ask parents and carers not to leave pushchairs, scooters etc in pre-school at drop-off. We now have quite a few left in the foyer all day every day and, apart from being in the way, they do pose a real risk to health and safety. Thank you.

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 2017/18

Autumn – Remainder of Term 1

Monday 30 October 2017 to Wednesday 13 December 2017

Christmas holidays: Thursday 14 December 2017 to Wednesday 03 January 2018

Spring – Term 2

Thursday 04 January 2018 to Friday 09 February 2018

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018

Monday 19 February 2018 to Thursday 29 March 2018

Easter holidays: Friday 30 March 2018 to Friday 13 April 2018

Summer – Term 3

Monday 16 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018

(Closed for Early May Bank Holiday, Monday 07 May 2018)

Half Term: Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 01 June 2018

Monday 04 June 2018 to Tuesday 24 July 2018

** Please note these dates may vary slightly from local school holidays **