

Dates for the Diary

Inset days

Thursday 21st December 2017
Thursday 4th January 2018
Friday 5th January 2018
Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018

Autumn Half Term w/c 23rd October 2017
Christmas Holiday 22nd December 2017 - Mon 8th January 2018
Winter Half Term w/c 12th February 2018
Easter Holiday Fri 30th March 2018 - Tues 17th April 2018
Spring Half Term w/c 28th May 2018
Summer holiday starts on Friday 20th July 2018



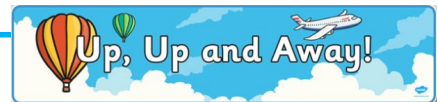
Parent Management Committee

Chair - Jane Fidler Trustee
Treasurer - Christine McGarvie Trustee
Secretary & Preschool PA - Samantha Kuflik Trustee
Preschool Manager - Amanda Davies Trustee
Jenny Marshall - Trustee

The AGM, held on 13/10/17, elected the trustees & committee members listed above, some of whom remain from last year. However we would welcome Christine McGarvie, a friend of the Preschool, who has worked alongside the setting for a number of years & has had treasury experience from Tadley Primary School PTA. Also Jenny Marshall, a retired Headteacher from a local special needs school. We welcome them both to the team. We are very excited about the experience they bring to the committee.

A few trustees resigned from their positions: Rachel Hughes is now a practitioner, Nicole Hutchinson's daughter left to go to Primary School this term, as did Helen Scott's daughter. We thank them immensely for the time they have over the years committed to the Preschool.

We would love to see more parents attend the next committee meeting & get involved in the events that we hold - your opinion & input is valued & welcomed. If you have any queries please feel free to email Amanda on impstonepreschool@gmail.com or Jane Fidler on impstonechair@gmail.com



Autumn/Winter Topic 'Up, up & Away'

The children enjoyed the flying theme in September, moving onto Witches as we entered into October.

As we continue our theme of 'Up, Up, & Away', we move into Space throughout November & onto Santa in December.

In November the children will be reading books such as 'Aliens Love Underpants' & 'Meg & Mog go to Space'



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

When parking at the Preschool, please **do not use** the disabled bays unless you have a Blue disabled badge, which allows you to do so; please park respectfully in a designated space only. When we are expecting a large number of cars into the car park at one time, the back field car park will be open.

Don't forget that children are required by law to travel in a car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 cm tall, whichever comes first! Any child not seen properly restrained in a car seat will be reported to the police. As with all aspects of our Preschool children's safety is paramount.

Please be aware that nut products, including Nutella spread must **NOT** be brought into the setting for snacks or lunch

30 hour Funding Entitlement

30 hour funding began in September 2017; are you entitled?

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>
- Make sure you apply before 31st December 2017 to receive your funding for the Spring 2018 term

Winter coats & Car Seats!

Leaving a coat on creates a space between the child & their safety harness, therefore in a collision the harness is not as close to the child's body to allow them to be properly restrained. Please remove a child's coat before travelling in a car seat, ensuring that you can only fit two fingers between the straps & their chest.



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Staff Corner

Our Impstone Preschool team:

Amanda Davies - Manager - Senior Practitioner
Lead Safeguarding Officer
Katie Reid - Deputy Manager (maternity cover)
EYFS Co-Ordinator - Senior Practitioner
Claire Keeley - Lead 2yr Old, Senior Practitioner
Kelly Arendse - Senior Practitioner
Samantha Kuflik - PA & Senior Practitioner cover
Vickie Jones - Senior Practitioner & INCO
Deni Hankin - Junior Practitioner
Jennifer Nash - Junior Practitioner
Rachel Hughes - Junior Practitioner

Emma McHale - on maternity leave Deputy Manager

Healthy Lunchboxes

In November we shall be exploring healthy lunchboxes and the ideal amounts suitable for the average 2-4 year old. We'll

be displaying sample lunchboxes, with different ideas of what can be a fun & healthy lunch.

In the meantime, the link below can give you some great ideas!!



<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#YQSSYE7SizJys4BP.97>

Labels

Please remember to label **all** items of your child's clothing including:

shoes, wellies, bags, hats, coats, lunchboxes, Jumpers, t shirts, trousers, shirt, socks and anything else your child might bring into Preschool.

Thanks!

Jennifer Nash



As some of you are aware, Jennifer has announced her wonderful news that her family of 3, will become 4! Her baby is due in April 2018 & we are all thrilled for her! Although we're trying to determine which special chair to be aware of!!!

Events for the coming year...

- Tuesday 31st October 2017 - Halloween Party (Children only)
- Thursday 14th December 2017 - Nativity at St. Luke's Church, Pamber Heath (Children only)
- Wednesday 20th December 2017—Christmas Party (Children only) & Carol Concert (Family)
- w/c 5th March 2018—Mother's day craft week (Dads, Grandads, Uncles, Godfathers)
 - Thursday 29th March 2018—Easter Egg Hunt & Party (Family)
 - Thursday 3rd May 2018— Preschool Trip to Beale Park (Family)
 - Thursday 24th May 2018—Sports Day (Family)
- w/c 11th June 2018—Father's Day craft week (Mums, Grandmas, Aunties, Godmothers)