

Dates for the Diary

Inset days

Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018

Winter Half Term
Easter Holiday
Spring Half Term
Summer holiday

w/c 12th February 2018
Fri 30th March 2018 - Mon 16th April 2018
w/c 28th May 2018
starts on Friday 20th July 2018



Parent Management Committee

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

Our current Chair has decided she would like to pass on the Chair role to someone who can give the role more time, so we shall be holding an EGM on Friday 23rd February 2018 to elect a new Chair person. This is a good chance to attend the committee meeting as we're always looking for active members to get involved in the events we hold. Your opinion as parents/carers is highly valued, so please do come along!!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jane for all her time and efforts within the preschool over the many years she has been involved and am sure she will still keep in touch to see how we're getting on with our new building!

Spring Topic 'Green Fingers'

The Spring Term topic 'Green Fingers' continues as we enter into Spring, where the children will be exploring hibernation, planting, growth & change. Although with 'Going on a Bear Hunt' & hiding, Easter will also play a big part in our topic throughout March.

More information will go out on the Monthly Sheets.

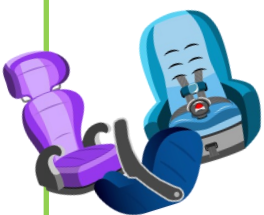


IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please **do not park** in the disabled bays unless you have a Blue disabled badge, which allows you to do so. Parking **ONLY** in the allocated car parking spaces—please be considerate in this also.



It is against the law for a child under the age of 12 years or less than 135cm tall to travel in a car without a car seat. So strap your child in please.



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 hours
free
childcare

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 March 2018 to receive your funding for the Summer 2018 term

The right clothing for cold weather & messy play!

As we are all aware, the weather has turned wintry & we've been experiencing rain, wind, frost & are expecting snow! So please remember to send your child into Preschool wearing appropriate clothing. Winter coat, hat, gloves, warm jumper & wellies for outside play! Don't forget also, that we do a lot of messy play & although the children wear aprons, sometimes it's unavoidable that they come home a little messy! So do send your child in, wearing clothes that are suitable for this.



Debutots®

Imagination takes you everywhere...

We are excited to announce that Debutots will now be coming to Preschool on a regular basis and will be doing a session with the children every two weeks. This will begin after half term.

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

Our lovely Jen has been suffering with her pregnancy & has now been signed off until her maternity leave begins in March. As long as she is able to, she will come back into Preschool for her last official day on the 1st March to say goodbye to the children. And hopefully for the Easter Egg Hunt too! We all wish Jen & her family all the best for the coming months!

Events for the coming year...

- w/c 5th March—Mother's day craft week (Dads, Grandads, Uncles, Godfathers)
- Thursday 29th March—Easter Egg Hunt & Party (Family) 11am—12.15pm
- Thursday 3rd May—Preschool Trip to Beale Park (Family) PRESCHOOL CLOSED
 - Thursday 24th May—Sports Day (Family) 11am-12.15pm
- w/c 11th June —Father's Day craft week (Mums, Grandmas, Aunties, Godmothers)
- Thursday 19th July—Leavers' Graduation Ceremony (Families of Leavers only @ 2pm) & end of term party (AM session)



Our Impstone Preschool team for 2018 :

Amanda Davies - Manager

Katie Reid

Kelly Arendse

Samantha Kuflik

Vickie Jones

Rachel Hughes

Emma McHale - on maternity leave Deputy Manager

Jennifer Nash—on maternity leave

Sickness



As you are all aware, sickness, bugs & infections have been rife this year and it is so easy to spread germs & infections. We do ask that you keep your child at home if they're feeling unwell, have a temperature or require paracetamol/ibuprofen.

The more germs brought into Preschool, the higher the risk of it spreading around the other children & the staff. And when a child is recovering from being unwell, their immune systems are more vulnerable & susceptible to catching other bugs.

While we look at each case individually, on occasions, depending on the severity or nature of the illness, we may have to enforce a blanket rule, Thank you for your understanding and your