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Autumn Newsletter 2

Important Dates

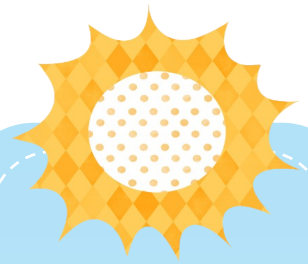
Please accept our apologies for the conflicting dates which have been published for some of our events. The confirmed date for the **Nativity is 8th December**. The remaining dates for this term are listed to the right. Please amend your calendars accordingly. The full year calendar has been updated and is available on the website. Please ask at pre-school if you would prefer a paper copy.



Autumn Disco

Enormous thanks to everyone who came and supported the Autumn Disco. It was great to see so many of the children and their siblings enjoying the fun. The evening raised over £100. We have used the money to buy some cameras for the children and are looking forward to using them in future play activities.

Kidizoom Twist Plus Camera



Dates For Your Diary

11th November

Helen Ellis Photography

10am-12noon

15th November

Committee Meeting, 7:30pm

18th November

Gardening Club

10am-12noon

2nd December

Christmas Craft Morning

10am-12noon

7th December

Induction Evening, 7pm

8th December

Nativity Performance, 9:30am

11th December

EGM 7:30pm

14th December

Last Day of Term

Deadline for fees payments

15th December

Winter Party

9:30-12noon



Gardening Club

18th November

10am-12noon

Please come and join us for our first gardening club of the term.

Jobs for the morning include;

Re-felting the play house roof

Cutting back the ivy around the oak tree

General pruning and tidying

Craft activities will be available for the children, as will hot drinks and a biscuit at break time

Change of Staff

Our administrator Louise left us at the end of last half term. We thank her for her work for the pre-school and wish her the best of luck in her new job.

Our new administrator, Michelle, started on Nov 3rd . Michelle has been involved with the pre-school as a parent and committee member for several years and will be familiar to many of you. Please bear with her as she works through the hand-over tasks . Michelle can be contacted via email, info@charminsterpreschool.co.uk. She will be working in the pre-school office on Monday and Friday mornings so can also be contacted via the pre-school telephone during those times.

All parents and carers should receive a weekly email from pre-school on a Monday morning. Please let Michelle know if you are not receiving these emails .

Helen Ellis Photography

11th November

10am-12noon

Talented local photographer, Helen Ellis, will be taking photos at pre-school on Saturday 11th November.

Individual and family portraits are available. It is free to have the photos taken and prints will be available to order in time for Christmas. If you would like to book an appointment please add your name to the booking sheet in the cloakroom.

Can we politely request that you arrive in plenty of time for your session as the morning is usually very busy.

Samples of Helen's work can be found on her website: www.helenellisphotography.co.uk

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EGM: New Chairperson Required

After 3 years of work for the pre-school committee our chairperson will be stepping down at the end of this term and we therefore need to appoint a new chairperson at the EGM on Monday 11th December at 7:30pm

The committee meet 7 times a year. The chairperson is responsible for running the meetings and is aided by a secretary and treasurer. Full details can be found by following the link to the Trustee Guide

on the committee page of our website. It is not necessary for the chair to be a parent of a preschooler and we would welcome applications from members of the local community. Please do talk to anyone who you think is suited to the role.

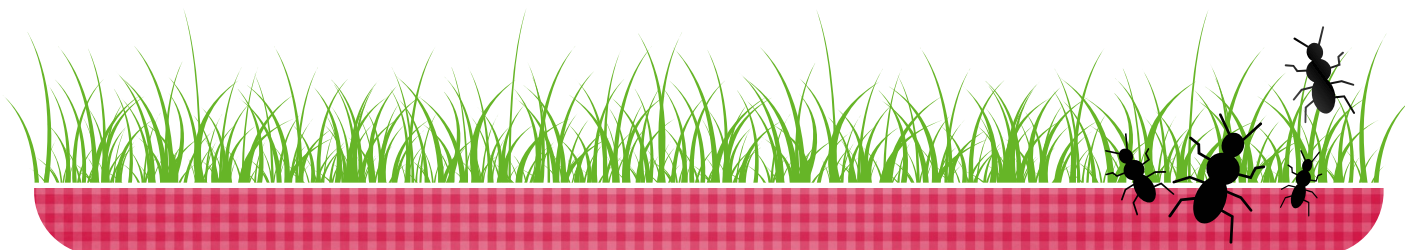
It is important to bear in mind that if a new chairperson is not appointed then the pre-school will not be able to open to children in January.

***** *NEW CHAIRPERSON NEEDED* *****

Garden Tea Party

Despite the predicted arrival of hurricane Ophelia, the weather was kind to us for our garden tea party. It was well attended and it was lovely to welcome back so many of our old children and to thank them for their contributions to our garden renovation.

Thank you to everyone who made a cake for the event and to everyone who helped out on the afternoon.



Winter Party
15th December
9:30am-12noon

The last day of normal pre-school sessions will be 14th December.

We will be ending the term with a Winter Party on 15th December. All of our children are invited to attend.

Parents/carers are very welcome to attend and enjoy the wintery fun.

No child will be charged for this session.



Christmas Craft Morning

2nd December. 10am –12 noon

Our annual Christmas Craft Morning is fast approaching and we hope to see many of you there. There will be a variety of festive crafts for you and your children to enjoy with a generous helping of glitter and Christmas sparkle. Siblings and other family members are welcome.

Booking form to follow.

This is a social event and as such the pre-school staff cannot take responsibility for the children. We ask that you remain with your child/ren for the duration of the event, or arrange for another attendee to take responsibility for your child/ren at the event. Thank you for your assistance.

Nativity Performance

8th December, 9:30am

We are all looking forward to our Nativity Performance at St Mary's Church Charminster. The children will be working hard rehearsing their songs in the next few weeks and it promises to be a lovely experience for all.

Children will be invited to dress up as an angel, donkey, camel, star, shepherd or king. If you are unable to provide a costume please do let us know in plenty of time and we will try to find a suitable costume for your child.

If you are able to help us walk the children to and/or from church on the morning we would be very grateful. Please speak to a member of staff if you are able to help.

Nut Free Zone

To protect the welfare of all our pre-school users, can we please remind you that pre-school is a NUT-FREE ZONE. This includes ALL nut products, such as peanut butter, pesto, Nutella, marzipan etc.

Any nut products that come into pre-school will be removed and put in the bin. Please be mindful about what you put into your child's lunchbox as it will be distressing for them if we have to remove any of their lunch items.