



## Ravenshead Preschool Playgroup Newsletter

November 2021 (Autumn Term 2)

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### Happy Holidays

We hope you have all had an enjoyable half term and bonfire night. All the children have returned to preschool very well and we are all looking forward to another fun packed half term

### Thank you

On behalf of everyone at preschool we would like to send a huge thank you to all the donations we have received last half term, food, toys, nappies, clothes. All donations are well received and add to our fantastic provision

### Christmas Raffle

We are looking to create a set of hampers that we will run a raffle for to raise funds to support our preschool. We always appreciate your support in donating items to help create these hampers. A box will be put outside preschool for donations.

### Christmas Dress Up Week 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December

We will invite all the children to dress up in a Christmas themed outfit on the days they attend during this week. They will be participating in lots of Christmas singing, stories and merrily themed activities. A £1 donation would be appreciated to support our Christmas activities.

### Winter Wonderland Walk – 9<sup>th</sup> December 9-10.30am

This year to celebrate Christmas together we are inviting all children and parents/carers to join us for a Winter Wonderland Walk in our woods. We will be finding our hidden Christmas decorations, making our reindeer food, decorating a gingerbread biscuit, making a wish, before gathering for a Christmas story and songs. MORE INFO TO COME.

### New Children

We are delighted to welcome new families and children and we hope that you will all be very happy with us. If you are unsure of anything, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

### Staff

Another huge thank you to all the preschool staff. They have been so dedicated and determined to provide our children a fun, happy, educational, safe space during these unusual times and I know the parents are so appreciative of their hard work. Unfortunately, Natalie one of our keyworkers has left our preschool so we would like to wish her well in the future.

### Fundraising

By signing up to easy fundraising (go to the website and search for Ravenshead Preschool), we can raise money from each purchase you make, Amazon, John Lewis and many other online stores make donations to us for you shopping with them.

### Tapestry

Last half term we have enjoyed all the holiday photographs and "WOW" moments that you have shared with us, please continue to upload them onto Tapestry.

### Change of hours / Leavers / Funding Forms

We are very pleased that the number of sessions booked at preschool are increasing rapidly. However, this means that adding/changing sessions is becoming more difficult.

If you would like to change your hours, please let me know as soon as possible as you may need to join a waiting list for the sessions you require.

If your child is ready for starting school, please give us as much notice as possible (4 weeks minimum) so we can liaise with the school of your choice and complete your child's leaving report.

If your child is becoming funded, either two year funded (please check via Notts Help Yourself if you are eligible), or 3 year funded from the term after your child's third birthday, funding forms will be issued shortly.

If your child already receives funding and their hours are not changing there is no requirement for new funding forms to be completed.

### Waterproof/warm clothing

As the weather is changing, please could children be dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Warm coats are essential as the children are offered daily outside play and need to be dressed accordingly. Please could all children have a spare set of clothes in their backpacks so they can be changed if they get wet from the puddles or accidents.

### Labelling items

Please label everything, water bottles, lunch boxes, coats, wellies, hats.

### Water bottles / Lunch Boxes

All children need to bring a named water bottle every day. Please place them in the holder outside preschool.

For those staying for lunch, please remember to name your child lunch box and pop an icepack within the lunch box to keep everything cool.

We also have NO NUTS in our preschool, this includes pesto – which contains nuts.

Finally, for the health and safety of our children do not bring glass bottles or cans, flasks, nuts and if you are providing grapes, cherry tomatoes, mini sausages, please ensure they are cut in half to avoid a choking hazard.

As part of the new EYFS, there is a huge emphasis on Oral Health. Throughout the year we will be supporting the children with their oral health and a healthy lifestyle which includes healthy eating. To support this, we will be sending home ideas for you to do at home. Look out for our lunch box ideas this term.

### Bills / Invoices

All bills will be issued within the first week of each half term. Please can you ensure that all monies are paid within 2 weeks to the following: -

Account Name: Ravenshead Preschool Playgroup CIO  
Sort Code: 05-06-41  
Account Number: 29611228

Please reference with your child name.

There is a late payment charge of £25 so please help us in sending payments on time to avoid any unnecessary chasing.

If you are having any difficulties, please contact us to make alternative arrangements.

### Committee News

This half term we are hoping to have our first face to face meeting since Covid, we are looking forward to seeing everyone again and if you would like to join us, please drop me an email and I can send you a Committee welcome pack. Without a committee our provision can not run as we are a charity so if you can spare us an hour or two per term it is very much appreciated.



### Absences

If your child is absent from preschool, please kindly telephone the preschool in the morning before 9.30am on 01623 490707. There is an answerphone which is regularly checked.

Alternatively, you can email us on:

[ravensheadpgmanager@yahoo.com](mailto:ravensheadpgmanager@yahoo.com)

Please note that emails will only be read/answered during preschool hours.

### Illness

Parents are asked NOT TO bring into the preschool any child who has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.

Please also consider if you are having to administer medicine at home such as paracetamol, is your child well enough to attend?

This term's date:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Preschool open Autumn 2  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Winter Wonderland Walk  
13-17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dress Up Week  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Preschool closes for Christmas

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** We need SANTA – if you or a member of your family would be willing to be Santa for our Woodland Walk, please contact us ASAP.

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