



HOLBROOK COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

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Welcome Back!

We hope that you've had a relaxing, and fun filled Summer holiday! We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces again and meeting new families joining our preschool this term!

We would like to extend an invitation to all families, to join us at our AGM to be held on Tuesday 12th October at Pre-School. We are a non-profit charity run by a committee of parents and carers. we would love you to join us! Please feel free to email our administrator, Helen (holbrookpreschool@gmail.com) if you are interested or which to find our more!

Becoming a member of the Pre-School committee is a great opportunity to volunteer within the school, plan fundraising events, take part in community/preschool events and to get to know the staff and other families even better. We cannot run without a committee! Please complete the form below if you would like to attend!

Here's to another great year ahead at Holbrook Community Pre-School!

Kind Regards

Holbrook Community Pre-School Committee

A special welcome to all our new starters this term, they are:

Nicole, Emi, Darcie, Nieve, Emerson, Jacob, Betsy, Ava, Isla & Sophie!

We hope you have great fun at Pre-School and enjoy your time with us!





A Message from the staff!

Why you might get messy, painty, muddy children returned to you at home time rather than pieces of wonderful artwork.....

Here at Holbrook, we focus on the process of creation and investigation rather than the end result of producing a uniform piece of work to take home. We are reluctant to offer children prescribed creative activities, there is a place for this sometimes and some children relish the opportunity to choose and create according to a plan. However, we offer children a variety of experiences and resources to investigate and work with. For example, this may be giving children the time and space to investigate how paint feels, allowing them to feel the squidgy texture of thick paint, the smooth silkiness of thinner paint, and the sensation of hand painting which may lead to whole arm painting! The opportunity to try painting with resources other than brushes, and on surfaces other than paper. We let children immerse themselves in the experience and let their imagination take over.

Starting with the children's interests, we follow their lead and apply our curriculum through their interests. So, for example a child who is fascinated by the natural world will be encouraged to turn over stones, delve around in the mud and get close up to the wet grass in order to count the bugs they have found, to compare how they move and look closely at their habitat. If they then lie down on the wet grass to take a closer look then so be it.....





Term Dates

Dates for the Diary

November

Autumn Term

Monday 6th Sept - Friday 17th Dec

Half Term - Monday 25th October

Committee: Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12th October 2021, 8pm
North Heath Hall

First day of Term

Monday 1st November

Spring Term

Monday 10th Jan - Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term - Monday 21st February

Committee Meeting

Date to be set at AGM

December

Summer Term

Monday 25th April - Friday 22nd July
2022

Half Term - Monday 30th May

October

Last Day of Term

Friday 25th October

Nativity

16th December, 0900
St Marks Church

Christmas Fair

Date to be confirmed

Drop off and pick up

All children should arrive at the main entrance.

Children staying for lunch club on Monday and Tuesdays will go home via the main entrance.

Children leaving triangles at 12 to be collected from the triangles garden, via the gate. Staff will let parents/carers in at 12.

Children leaving at 2pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Fridays at 1pm should also be collected via the triangles garden.

Labels, labels, labels!

Please remember to label everything that comes into Pre-School!

If the weather is hot, please apply sun cream to your child before coming to Pre-School and supply them a hat to wear!

As the colder months approach the children will need their coats, gloves and scarves to go out and play. Please bear in mind that the children love to go outside and play whatever the weather so you will need to leave their coats on the hangers in the foyer and named Wellingtons in the box.





Pre-School Contact Details

If your child is going to be absent from Pre-School i.e they are ill, please call us as soon as possible!

Triangles 01403 265793

Diamonds 07889 245010

Keep us up to date

Have you changed your telephone number? Got a new email address? Moved house?

It is very important that all contact details and health records are kept up to date at Pre-School.

Our Registrar (Tracy Batten) email address is hcp.registrar@gmail.com. Please send any updates to her.

Child Collection Book

If someone different is going to collect your child from pre-school please let a member of staff know and add their details to the 'Child Collection Book'.

For safety reasons we cannot let a child go home with an adult unknown to us. If something happens during the day that means someone else will collect your child please telephone us. We will be able to take the relevant details.

Nut Allergy

Our pre-school is a nut free environment.

We therefore ask you to check all food and drink products being brought in to setting. Anything that contains nut products (or states on the packaging 'may contain traces of nut') should not be sent in.

Thank you for helping us make pre-school a safe environment for all of us





You Are Invited to the Pre-School AGM

On behalf of the present committee of Holbrook Community Pre-School we would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting on

**Tuesday 12th October 2021
@ 8pm at Pre-School**

There will be displays of some of the children's work and you will also be able to chat to other parents and staff over a cup of coffee.

As a community pre-school it is part of our constitution that we operate with a committee made up of parents (Mums and Dads welcome) who oversee the running of the group. This committee meets every couple of months during term time to discuss the way Pre-school is running and address any concerns that the staff may raise.

There are three officers who hold the roles of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. The officers are supported by a group of committee members. With the majority of current committee members leaving at the AGM this year (as their children move onto 'big' school), we are keen to welcome more families onto the committee. We are pleased to accept any help you can offer.

One of the committee's primary tasks is to organize fund raising events such the Christmas and Summer Fairs and the photographer's visit.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a committee member or volunteering before making your decision then please speak to a member of our Committee.

If you feel that you are unable to stand on the committee then please do still come along to the AGM as you will learn a lot about the way Pre-School is run and how we operate on a day to day basis.

We would be grateful if you could complete the slip below or and return it to Pre-School by 1st October 2021

Many Thanks

Committee, Holbrook Community Pre-School





Name _____

I will/will not be able to attend the Pre-school AGM _____

I do/do not want to help on the Pre-school Committee _____

I am/am not willing to help out at special events _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

