



It's hard to believe it's almost Christmas, where does the time go! It

seems like only yesterday we were welcoming the children back from their summer holidays. At the beginning of the new term in September, we welcomed six new children to pre-school. All have settled in well, having lots of fun as they learn through play.

Learning through play is an integral part of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. 'Children's play reflects their wide ranging and varied interests. In their play children learn at their highest level. Play with peers is important for children's development' DCSF (2008). From observing the children at pre-school, we plan activities, experiences and play opportunities to meet their individual needs and interests. We continually reflect on our practice ensuring that a 'continuous provision' is provided. This simply means having a constant ready supply of essential equipment and materials on offer from which children can make choices and direct their own play.

During this term we have had some very successful fundraising events including, a cake stall, our annual Autumn Fayre and Halloween Party. These events require a lot of hard work and preparation, therefore, I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone involved that has supported and helped to make these events happen.

As the festive season approaches we look forward to Magic Ella coming to Pre School to entertain the children, along with a visit to Normanby Park to see Santa and the deer. We also have our children's Christmas Party where there will be a special visitor dressed in red with a white beard who will be popping in to surprise them. At this time of the year we have our fantastic Christmas raffle in which we have been donated some amazing prizes including, an evening meal and overnight stay for 2 including breakfast at Forest Pines (worth up to £240), 5 guest passes to Forest Pines Leisure Club (worth

£100) as well as our fantastic hamper. All proceeds from the raffle go

to Pre School. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets these will be available from the end of November at, Goxhill Chippie, Post Office, Scissorbox Hairdressers or from Val Gorbutt (Chair) on 531012 or Kerry Welton (Treasurer) on 532695 as well as at pre-school.

Pre School is a registered charity and is run by voluntary committee members. We rely on fundraising events in order to help towards the purchase of new toys, equipment and resources for the children. If you would like to know more about supporting Pre School please contact either Julie-Ann Whall (Supervisor) on 532265 or Val Gorbutt (Chair) on 531012.

Finally it's a sadly time to say farewell to children who move up to big school in January. We wish them all well and hopefully we will see some of them return to us in the afternoon before starting full time.

Our Pre School is open to children from 2 yrs to 5 yrs. Three year old children are entitled to 12.5 hours a week free from the term after their 3rd birthday. We have excellent relationships with Goxhill Primary School and work together through the transition process.

Our opening times are as follows:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.15-11.45	9.15-11.45	9.15-11.45	9.15-11.45
12.45-3.15	12.45-3.15	12.45-3.15	

Children wishing to stay all day require a packed lunch.

More information please call in during session times or contact us on **07873428906**. (During session times only) Alternatively contact the supervisor, **Julie-Ann Whall on 01469 532265** (out of hours) or the chair person **Val Gorbutt on 01469 531012**. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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