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Hello from your NEW Committee

Pre-school is a charity that has a committee of trustees to oversee how it is run. A new committee has just been elected and we are;

Deborah Marsh	Chair	857594 or admarsh@tiscali.co.uk	
Esther Surman	Secretary, Isla's mum		
Pauline Plant	Treasurer. Sydney's mum		
Gill Sterry	Luke's mum	Natalie Fenwick	Albert's mum
Vicky Crowe	Honey's mum	Lucy Davies	Abigail's mum
Kathy Ireland	Bronte's mum	Anna Renaud	Seth's mum
Sarah Prowse	Millie's mum	Liz Reddish	Billy's mum

Do please chat to any of us about anything at all - how pre-school runs, any concerns, or any secret talents you may wish to share - this is YOUR pre-school!

Balance Bikes

Albert's Dad, Don, is running an Ultramarathon. He is aiming to raise money for some balance bikes for pre-school and playgroup. The bikes are a fun way of encouraging co-ordination and developing an enthusiasm for cycling. If you know of any businesses that would like to sponsor him in return for their advert featuring on his training and race t-shirt, please let Jayne know.

Christmas Visit

Our special trip to Pennywell Farm was a fabulous day. The children were encouraged to dress up and take part in the magical experience of a live nativity. Following a quick biscuit stop, we all visited Father Christmas. The day finished with some zooming around on the pedal tractors, a boing on the bouncy castle and a packed lunch in a rather chilly barn, thankfully the adults found a hot cup of tea! Thank you to Hope Cove Weekend Committee for donating towards this memorable day.

Packed Lunches

We are actively discouraging the inclusion of 'sweetshop' style treats in lunch boxes. Unfortunately these items can cause serious degrees of upset amongst the children. We would appreciate it if you could try and opt for the traditional or healthy versions.

Pre-school Policies

The committee have reviewed the policies for how pre-school is run and how we look after your children. These cover topics as far ranging as Safeguarding children to Administration and Employment. We ask that all parents and carers take time to read these, perhaps one each time you drop off/collect your child and to sign to say that you have read them. They will be kept in a folder in the porch. Thank you.

Lunch Club Fees

From February half term we will be making a small increase in the cost of providing quality childcare over the lunch hour. The increase is from £1.75 to **£2.00**.

Welcome to...

Seth, Albert and Kiera

Christmas Coffee Morning and Nativity

Our Nativity was enjoyed by parents, carers, grandparents, siblings, aunties, uncles and members of the community. The children behaved perfectly and the singing was fabulous. A big thank you to parents and carers for providing the costumes and to all who stayed on for the festive coffee morning. We raised over £150!

This Term

This term we will be learning traditional nursery rhymes and songs, with a particular focus on numbers and shapes. The children have already built Humpty Dumpty's wall, feasted on boiled eggs and got messy with craft activities based around oval shapes. Please bring in any books or related toys that your child may wish to share.

Malborough Munchkins Playgroup

Fridays 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Jayne and Esther (Isla's mum) offer a warm welcome and a range of fun learning activities for 0 - 5 year olds every Friday afternoon. All welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Suitable clothes and shoes for wet and windy days and a pair of slippers for indoors.

Healthy snack to share each day.

We would appreciate prompt payment of your invoices that you received last week, thank you.

All members of staff are available to talk over any questions or concerns you may have.

Dates for your Diary

Last day of term	Friday 12 th February
Pre-school reopens	Monday 22 nd February
Quiz Night	Thursday 4th March
Last day of term	Thursday 1 st April
Pre-school reopens	Monday 19 th April
Filthy Gorgeous	Saturday 8th May
Last day of term	Friday 28 th May
Pre-school reopens	Monday 7 th June
Last day of term	Friday 16 th July

HEADLICE

These creatures have made an unwelcome appearance.

Please can you check your child's hair.

The NHS website recommends the following 2 methods of treatment -

Wet combing method

Wash the hair as normal.

Apply conditioner liberally to wet hair (this causes the lice to lose their grip on the hair).

Comb the hair through with a normal comb first, until the comb runs freely. With a fine-toothed nit comb, comb from the roots along the complete length of the hair and after each stroke, check the comb for lice and wipe it clean.

Work methodically over the whole head for at least 30 minutes.

Rinse the hair as normal.

Repeat every three days for at least two weeks.

Medicated lotion or rinse

Ask your pharmacist for an over-the-counter insecticide lotion or dimeticone (non-insecticide) lotion. Only use a lotion if you find a living (moving) head louse.

Apply the preparation according to the instructions, and remove the lice and eggs with a fine-toothed nit comb. Take care when applying treatment, because the preparations are usually toxic.

The normal advice is to treat once, and repeat seven days later:

The lotion may be capable of killing eggs, as well as lice, but there is no certainty of this. Check for baby lice hatching out from eggs three to five days after you use it, and again at 10-12 days.

No treatment is 100% effective.