



2018-19

Welcome routines

Opening times

Mon—Thurs

8.30 for long day

8.45 for morning

session only

Fri—8.45 for all

Afternoons -1.00

Home routines

Door opens:

Morning -12.05.

Afternoon—3.25

All children must be
picked up by 12.15 or
3.30

REMINDER

**PLEASE DO NOT
PARK IN THE PARISH
CAR PARK OR IN
FRONT OF THE
CHURCH.**

Dates for your Diary.....

Tues 18th Sept

Committee Meeting
7.30 p.m.

Fri 28th Sept

AGM and Welcome
Meeting

12.00—1.30 p.m.

Invitation to follow.

**We would like all
our families to join
us.**

Open Days at

St Joseph's Primary

16th Oct 1.30—3.00

2nd Nov 10.00-11.30

**Mon 22nd—Fri 26th
October**

Half term break.

Mon 29th Oct

Pre-School reopens

Welcome to our children and families at the start of the new Pre-School year, especially to those of you who are new to our Pre-School.

To start with, we will be settling the children in and helping them to make new friends. Here are some tips for you to help us reassure your child and get them settled in:

- Arrive in good time. We want to close the doors at 9.00 a.m. to gather the children for circle time and get the fun started.
- Arrive promptly to collect your child at the end of the session.
- Read the noticeboard outside Pre-School to find out what is going on each week so that you can talk to your child about it.
- Talk with your Key Person. Let them know how your child is feeling.

Please make sure that you take advantage of all the ways that we communicate with you.

- Make sure you read this half termly newsletter so that you know what is coming up.
- Look at our website, stpaulspreschoolhh.co.uk There you will find our policies and other useful information.
- Read the notices on the boards in the cloakroom. You will find information about health and from your Children and Family Centre.

Key Persons and settling in

We know that children settle best when they have a key person to relate to, who knows them and their parents well, and who can meet their individual needs.

You can speak to your child's Key Person at the beginning or end of each session. During the Autumn term, your Key Person will invite you to come in for a chat. She will show you your child's Learning Journal and talk about how your child is getting on.

Learning Journals are always available to view—just ask your child's Key Person. If you do not come in to Pre-School regularly, you can ask to look at the Journal at home.



St. Paul's Parent Committee News Two important events for all parents

First meeting of the year—Tuesday 18th September at 7.30 p.m. in Pre-School

Please join our three officers—Bev Edmondson, Jenny Williams and Rosie Evans for the first committee meeting of the year. Bev, Jenny and Rosie will soon be leaving us, as their children have now left Pre-School. We need new officers to be voted in at our AGM and new members to join and keep the committee going. St Paul's Pre-School cannot exist without the Parent Committee. Last year we had such marvellous support and fantastic fundraising for which we are so grateful.

AGM for parents and lunch and Liturgy for the children Friday 28th September 12.00—1.30 pm.

Please come to St Augustine's room for refreshments at 12 noon. You can meet other parents and listen to reports on the progress of the Pre-School. The children will have a cooked lunch provided for them in Pre-School. They will have a lovely welcome liturgy with activities, and prayers and readings led by Deacon Dave. We will send you an invitation with more details soon!

Please come along, make new friends and find out more. Thank you!

School places for September 2019 You will soon be given a Starting School Questionnaire from Sussex Community NHS Trust. Please complete and return to Pre-School. Keep looking at the noticeboards for further information about your application process. Please ask Tracey if you are unsure.

If you would like a place at St Joseph's Primary School, you must get a supplementary information form directly from the school. This will need to be signed by Father Martin and returned to the school to support your application. Watch the Parish bulletin for details of the times when Father Martin will be available after Mass to sign forms.

Your Pre-School needs YOU!



The new volunteer timetable is on the Parents and Partners noticeboard, which will be displayed near the welcome table each day. When your child has settled in, please think if you can spare us some of your time.

You do not have to stay for the whole session. Just a little time will help. Here are some ideas:

- Stay for a while to play a board game, or spend an hour reading stories in the book corner.
- Help to prepare fruit for snack time, or help with a lunchtime
- Come and share your skills with the children.
- If you are from another part of the world, perhaps you would like to share your traditions and experiences.
- Help to continue the painting of our fences!

Best of all, just give a little time to simply chat with the children and listen to them. We would be very grateful and you will surely enjoy seeing what your little ones get up to at Pre-School!

Health and House Keeping

- **IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION**—Do not give Calpol to your child before coming in to Pre-School. If your child has a temperature, then the best place for them is at home. We cannot give over the counter medicines to your child. You can speak to Natalie if your child needs medicine prescribed by your G.P. for a condition, such as asthma. Please be aware that we can only give the dosage that your G.P. has written on the prescription. Thank you in advance for following our guidelines, which are to protect all children.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE** –Please ensure that you keep your child at home if they have a temperature or a heavy cold. As always, if your child has had a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must not return to Pre-School until **48 hours** after the symptoms have stopped.
- In the event of an absence, we would appreciate it if you would call Pre-School to let us know the reason. This helps us to have an idea if any illness is doing the rounds and we can take action. **Thank you for your help. If we do not hear from you, we will call you on the second day of absence.**
- Please could you remember to put a spare set of clothes in your child's bag, all clearly labelled with your child's name, as there are many opportunities for wet and messy play. Belts and buttons can be tricky for small hands so we recommend elastic waists on trousers to help at toilet time! We love outdoor play, so please make sure you send in outdoor clothing for all weathers!
- We ask for a voluntary donation of £5.00 for each term, which we call baking money. We are grateful to use this for cooking ingredients, special food for celebrations, and extra items to share at snack time.
- **If any of your contact details have changed over the holiday, please let us know. We will soon send out a text to you to confirm that we have the correct emergency contact number.**
- **Birthdays celebrations**—When it is your child's 4th birthday, we will have a little celebration. You don't have to give anything, however, if you would like to send something to share, a cake for snack time would be most welcome. As part of our Healthy Eating policy, we request that you do not bring sweets to hand out to the other children at the end of the morning.
- Scott's weekly sessions of music and fun will start on Thursday 13th September— paid for by your fundraising! Scott will provide half an hour of musical activities each week . We will repeat his activities during the week so that no child will miss out.

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