



### Staffing:

I am very happy to inform you that we have appointed a new member of staff to replace Gemma. Sarah Dewberry will be joining us from 17<sup>th</sup> April and we are so excited to have her joining us. I know some of you have asked about Keyworkers and we are currently working out who the children fit in with best, we'll be in contact soon to let you know of any changes.

**Label! Label! Label!** Please label *everything* with your child's name. Putting your child's name in their coat, clothing, change bag etc helps prevent mishaps and mistaken identities. Please can we also ask you that all lunch and change bags are also labelled. It also really helps us if change bags are topped up regularly and that any clothes you may borrow from Pre-school are returned promptly.

**End of term -**  
**Pre-School will close for the Easter Holidays at 1pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We will be celebrating the end of term with a special Easter Party.**

### Save the date:

The Pre-School Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This is a valuable (and fun) opportunity for us to both promote the Pre-school and raise some money to help improve our resources. If you would like to offer to help or have any ideas, you would like to share then please speak to Louise and I can pass your details onto our committee.

### Fundraising:

Alongside the Fayre the Pre-School normally organises a sponsored event for the children. This year we thought we would try something different and hold a special event for our amazing Pre-School children. We would ask for a donation towards the event, which would again go towards end of term events and new resources for the children. Watch this space for more details.

We hope you agree with us that home times seem much less hectic with everyone using the intercom instead of waiting for a member of staff to open the door. Staff are also enjoying having more time to talk to you. We also think that children are coming into Pre-School calmer as a result of dismounting their scooters at the entrance of the church. To prevent further accidents and as part of our risk assessment we would like to continue this going forward.

We have been asked by the Church and local neighbours to please switch off car engines while you are waiting for Pre-School to open. This is due to concerns about pollution as a courtesy to local residents - Thank You!

Lunches - **Please be reminded that we operate a strict no nuts policy at Pre-School and no nut based products are permitted.**

**Contacting Us:** Please phone or text the setting on **07860 655066** if you need to let us know about your child's absence or if you are running late etc. **Please do not call the general enquiries number as it can take longer for messages to be passed on.** If you prefer to email, then please use [louise.paul@handsworthpreschool.co.uk](mailto:louise.paul@handsworthpreschool.co.uk)