



PRIMROSE HILL NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our New Committee Officers and Members for this year (2023/2024)

A BIG thank you to the parents who attended our A.G.M. on Wednesday 11th October. The Committee were elected as shown below: -

Chairperson – Rachel Yeomans - contact Rachel on chairperson@prhn.co.uk

Secretary — Kayleigh Lewis - contact Kayleigh on secretary@prhn.co.uk

Treasurer – Amanda Mason – contact Amanda on treasurer@prhn.co.uk

General Committee Members are: - Katherine Brown (Ofsted Nominated Person), Natasha Andrzejuk-Smith and Gillian Vaughan.

A copy of the AGM report was posted on the Family Newsfeed.

If you were unable to attend the meeting but are interested in becoming a committee member, please let us know.

**THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY 29th
NOVEMBER @ 3.20pm IN NURSERY.**

**A FREE CRECHE WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF
STAFF KNOW IF YOU REQUIRE THIS SERVICE.**

Dates for your Diary

**Children in Need
Pyjama's week!
Week commencing
Monday 13th November**

Committee Meeting
Wednesday 29th November
*(Don't forget to book a place
on our free creche!)*

Christmas Mince Pie & Mingle
Tuesday 5th December

Christmas Party
(No nursery sessions this day)
Friday 22nd December

Christmas Holidays
23rd December to 7th January

Nursery re-opens
Monday 8th January 2023



CHILDREN IN NEED 2022

Week commencing 13th November 2023

During this week we are inviting all children to come to nursery in their pyjamas!! Donations will be collected for this worthy cause. You only need to donate once during the week.



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IMPORTANT - REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL

Important dates if your child will be starting school in September 2024 (**Children born between 1st Sept 2019 and 31st August 2020**).

November 2023: you should receive a letter and Information Pack from the School Admissions Team advising you on how to apply for a school place. If you haven't received one by the end of the month, contact the Co-ordinated Admissions Team on 01452 425407 or email school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Midnight on 15th January 2024: This is the deadline for making your application.

Tuesday 16th April 2024: Allocation Day, when you hear which school you have been offered.

You **must** apply to the county council for a primary school place, even if you have put your name down at a school or your child has an older sibling at that school.

We encourage parents to list five preferred schools on their form as school places cannot be guaranteed. Only putting one school does not mean that you will be allocated that school, and your child may be allocated a school that you would not have listed.

Christmas is coming!!!

We are hoping to celebrate Christmas this year with a Nursery Christmas Party and a Christmas 'Mince Pie and Mingle'.

We will send out further details about our Christmas events nearer the time but please keep these dates for your diary.

Tuesday 5th December (2pm) for our Nursery 'Mince Pie and Mingle' for our Rising 5's (those children going to school next September). This will be Christmas Crafts and Activities in the school hall, with a little Christmas sing-a-long.

Friday 22nd December (10.00am – 12.00pm) for our Christmas Party at Holy Trinity Church on Primrose Hill. **There will be no normal nursery sessions on this day.**



Parents Meetings (weeks commencing 20th and 27th November)

We would like to give parents the opportunity to have a meeting with their child's key person to discuss their progress and development. Please contact your child's key person to arrange a mutually convenient time.



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Healthy Lunchboxes

Oral health is a key aspect in the revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This is because good oral health habits need to be formed from the earliest age. Tooth decay is largely preventable but it's still a serious problem among young children. It is therefore important for us to support children with oral health, as their first experiences can have a great impact on the rest of their lives. We need to introduce them to good habits, teach them about their mouths and normalise dentist visits.

One of the things we can do to encourage good habits is to limit the frequency and the number of sugary foods and drinks that children have. The children know the rule at Nursery is 'Sandwiches (or savoury items) first' so please try and avoid chocolate spread.

A healthy lunch doesn't mean not allowing any treats; however, please only include one sweet treat and select healthier options where possible. Processed fruit bars/fruit winders should also be considered a sweet treat, but you could swap them for dried fruit, like raisins, sultanas and dried apricots, which are healthier and often cheaper.

In order to support children's oral health and encourage them to form good habits, we will only be permitting them to have one sweet treat from their lunchbox.

To prevent the risk of choking grapes, olives, cherry tomatoes, cocktail sausages etc. should be cut in half or quarters lengthways (not width ways) and popcorn should be avoided. When items are not cut up, a staff member has to leave the table in order to cut them so that they are safe for the child to eat. This takes a staff member away from supervising the table at lunch times. We will no longer be able to cut items for the children.

Extra treats and any uncut grapes etc. will be returned home in your child's lunchbox.

Check out the NHS website for ideas for healthy lunchboxes (link below).

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Welly Walks!

This term we will be starting our Welly Walks on Friday mornings, where we plan to take the children out in small groups into the local community and the woods, weather permitting.

We will contact you on Family to let you know when your child will be taking part and will need to wear a named pair of wellington boots, waterproof trousers and suitable warm outdoor clothing. Please also bring a spare change of clothing (in case they get muddy) and shoes to change into when they return. Thank you.





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In Case of Severe Weather

In severe weather the nursery has the same procedure as the school. Therefore, if the weather is bad and it looks like the school may be closed then you can find out by going on to the GCC website and following the link www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/ or you can also tune into BBC Radio Gloucester on 104.7FM and 1413MW. If you keep listening the lists are read (and revised) at regular intervals.

For those that miss all other information, signs will be placed on the school gates.

We will put a message on Family and put information onto the Nursery Facebook page.

End of Term

The Nursery will break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December (Party Day Only) and will reopen on Monday 8th January 2024.

To all our parents and children.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

