

Box Pre-School Playgroup

Learning through creativity and play

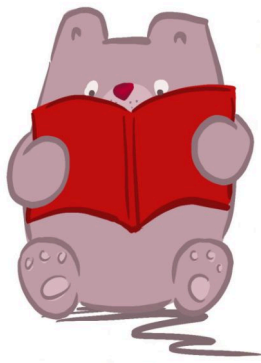


Newsletter – September 2024

Welcome back!

We hope you had a great Summer. A big welcome to all our new starters and their families.

We start back with a traditional tales topic. If you are reading any favourite stories at home we are always pleased if the children bring them in to share them. Don't forget you can upload your own photos on Tapestry as we enjoy seeing things that the children do outside pre-school.



Fees from September 2024

Just a reminder that our fees have increased slightly from September:

Three and four year olds – £5.20 per hour.

Two year olds – £6.20.

The snack and consumables charge – £1.25 a session.

VOLUNTEER



AGM and Committee

We will be organising a date for our Annual General Meeting at the end of September. We are also looking for new committee members. The Committee's role is to assist the team in the running of the pre-school. The committee meets every couple of months to help organise fund-raising events, manage finances, approve and source funding for resources, equipment, and staffing.

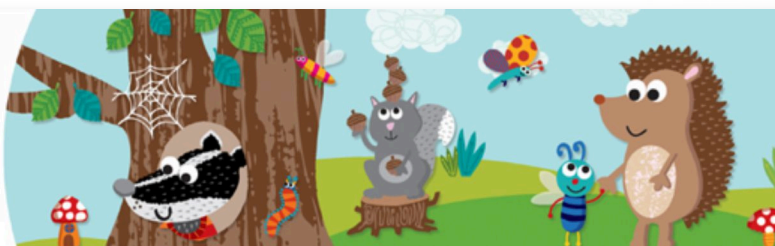
We have held many successful fundraising events in recent years, including the **Santa Grotto** and the **Pizza Evening**.

Being part of the committee is not an onerous task! It's a **fun** and **rewarding** way of helping the pre-school to function.

If you would like to join or have any questions, please speak to Yvonne.

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Staffing

We welcome Gemma Moore to our team. Gemma is a qualified and experienced practitioner who is coming back to work in Early Years after having her family.. Gemma will be working on a Thursday and Friday morning.



Sessions

It is really helpful if you could let us know whether you will be booking additional sessions for your child this academic year. We anticipate that we may be busier as the year progresses with the extension of the 15 hours free funding to working parents of two-year olds.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1361/Early-Years-funding-for-2-year-olds>

Easy Fundraising

Just a reminder that last autumn we registered with **Easy Fundraising** where, through our charitable status, Box Pre-School receives donations from the day-to-day online purchases of our supporters. Thanks to everyone who signed up, in our first academic year we have raised an impressive **£328.69**; or, to think of it another way, that's like a whole extra Box Revels' worth of fundraising "for free"!

This is such an effective fundraising opportunity, since it works with over 7,000 online retailers and it's really easy via a web browser extension, which automatically detects if the retailer is part of the scheme. Please continue to support this and encourage family and friends to join in too. Just scan the QR code shown here or use the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/box-pre-school-playgroup/>



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Safety

Mobile Phones – Due to Ofsted requirements, please don't use mobile phones on the premises or in the outside area.

Toilets – If you need to take your child to the toilet, please check with a member of staff first.

Injuries – Please let us know if your child has an injury so that we can complete a pre-existing injuries form.

Covid-19 and other infectious diseases – children should stay at home for three days if they test positive for Covid-19. If your child develops a high temperature they should stay at home until they are better. In cases of sickness and diarrhoea please return to playgroup 48 hours (minimum) after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Diary Dates

Start of Term 1 – Monday 2nd September

Sports Sessions – Every Tuesday morning

Annual General Meeting – to be advised

End of Term 1 – Wednesday 23rd October

Start of Term 2 – Monday 4th November



Staff

Supervisor/Manager–Yvonne Jenkinson

Deputy Supervisor–Sarah Vick

Playgroup Assistants–Caroline Kirkwood, Isabel Lopez, Jess Bieda, Sarah-Jane Woods, Katie Smith, Gemma Moore

Committee

Chair–Emma Baylis

Treasurer–Amy Stennett

Secretary–Hannah Tape

Other committee members–Sally Weymouth, Lorna Stone, Caz Hazell Best, Chloe Pinheiro, Marilyn Tye

Ofsted representative–Yvonne Jenkinson



Contacting Us

During session time (8:30–15:00), please telephone us on **01225 743794** for anything urgent as we cannot regularly monitor email.

Outside session time, please email **boxpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com**