

# **Revised Westgate Pre-School News**

## **March 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers

This newsletter contains useful information and dates so please hold on to it.

**Dress up – bring a chocolate egg** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Committee Meeting** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – all welcome!

**Parents' evening** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – please speak to your keyworker to book a time from 6:05pm.

**Easter Fayre** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm in school playground

If anyone can help with raffle prizes or donations please bring them in.

**Spare Clothing** If your child has gone home in spare clothes please can you bring them back as we are now very short of clothes. If you could please provide your child with a spare set of clothes in case they get wet at preschool it would be appreciated.

**Pre school new mobile number** 07485 080390

**Please check you have the correct number**

**Price increase reminder** After the Easter break in April additional hour sessions will be £5.25/hour. The afternoon session (1- 2.45pm will cost £9.00, Earlybird session 8.30-9pm will cost £2.75)

**Mrs Potts** You will probably be aware from the news that Pre-schools and Nurseries are finding it difficult to survive financially due to low government funding. Whilst we are very careful in managing our finances, we are finding it difficult to subsidise extra-curricular items such as Dance and PE with Simon. We are very keen to continue with these activities, as we know the children greatly benefit from them.

*We would really appreciate if parents of children, who pay no fees at the present would kindly donate £5 per week and those paying fees, £1. We have a money box in the shape of a teapot next to the signing in sheet for your donations, or please speak to a member of staff if you prefer to pay termly.*

## Parking

**Please can you respect local residents and NOT park in their parking bays or block the entrance to their parking bays and do not block the staff car park entrance.** Parking is very limited and it would be appreciated if you did not park in Martinique Square. We apologise for this inconvenience. The residents are setting up cameras and you may be fined if you park there. Parking is available on Friar St and access into the playground is available through the school gates in the morning.

## Mobile Phones **Please do not use your mobile phone within preschool.**

This is in line with our safeguarding policy.

Please make sure phones are tucked away in your handbag or coat pockets.

**Policies** Westgate Pre-school policies can be found in a big yellow folder by the signing in sheet, if you get chance please have a read or alternatively these can be emailed to you.

## Facebook Etiquette

Preschool have a facebook page [facebook.com/westgatepreschool](https://facebook.com/westgatepreschool). This allows us to share with you what children have been doing and pass on messages and highlight fundraising events and requests. We are very careful to ensure that children's identity is not compromised in pictures, we never show faces. Please if you comment do NOT mention any children's names.

We would appreciate any positive reviews from parents whose children have been coming to preschool for a while.

## Term Dates

To enable you to plan your holidays and childcare cover here are our term dates:

Break up for Easter	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	return on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Break up for half term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	return on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Break up for summer	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	

Kind regards  
Ruth Ive