



# News Letter

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## Welcome Back

We would like to say a big hello and welcome to everyone now that we are in full swing of our new school year at Lilypads. We hope that everyone enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to some new and exciting activities and events that will be occurring throughout the year.

## A Message from the Pre-school Committee

A huge HELLO to all of our families after an amazing sunny August - I hope you all enjoyed the excellent weather! I would like to welcome back our wonderful Lilyypad team and highlight how amazing the change around of the room looks. I am sure you all agree it feels rather more spacious. The new feelings board is a real focal point.

Did you know that without the committee the Pre-school couldn't open? I am the Lilyypad Chair-person - Helen Baker - my son Bertie attends most mornings; I have 2 older daughters who are at big school now. I am supported by a committee which includes a Vice chair - Felicity Harris, Secretary - Lisa Tibballs and Treasurer - Micky Pavey.

The next AGM is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Barley Corn. Please come along and join the committee, we will be electing our key committee members and are always on the lookout for new talent. Being on the committee is a great way to help create the best possible Pre-school setting for your children. It's also fantastic for getting to know the staff and other parents better. If you don't feel you have enough spare time to be on the committee but still want to help out, feel free to speak to one of the current committee members or the staff to put your name forward for helping at our fabulous fundraising events.

If you are interested in joining, please let a member of the Lilyypad's team know or contact Helen -

[lilyypadchair@gmail.com](mailto:lilyypadchair@gmail.com) or 07920 404909

Looking forward to meeting you

Helen

## Our Topic This ½

This half term as we have lots of new little tadpoles our topic is 'Getting to know you' and 'all about us'. We hope to have lots of conversations and to complete activities to enable us to build sound relationships between the children and their Key Person, other staff and their peers.



## Important Dates For Your Diary

**AGM:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm  
at the Barley Corn

**Half Term:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (as  
we have an INSET on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>) -  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Mum and Grandma's Day:** Week of  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November, inclusive.

**Pre-school Nativity:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December, time to be confirmed, in  
the Infant School Hall.

**Christmas party:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December, am. Time to be confirmed,  
venue will be the JUBILEE HALL.  
Please note there will be no pre-school  
that afternoon.

For your information Lilypad INSET  
staff training days for this academic  
year will be:  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
February 2017, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
July 2017.

## Autumn Fayre

After the last year's success, we will  
again be holding an Autumn Fayre this  
year, celebrating the change of the  
seasons and as it is to be held on the  
5<sup>th</sup> of November will be firework  
influenced! Further details will follow  
nearer the time. Leading up to the  
event we will be completing lots of  
activities in pre-school and asking for  
your support.

## Parents' Notice Board

### Parents' Notice Board/planning board

Our Parents' notice board is inside the  
classroom, located above the children's  
trays. Here you can find important  
notices and dates relevant to both you  
and your child. Also please keep an eye  
out for our whiteboard easel which is  
sometimes also used to provide  
important information, this can be found  
outside the pre-school. Our weekly  
planning can now be found on the large  
display board to the right as you walk  
into the classroom, feel free to have a  
look and see what the children have  
been up to so far during the week.

### Baby and Wedding talk

I am sure you would all like to join the staff and committee of Lilypad's in sending huge congratulations to Miss McCarthy who gave birth to the very beautiful Belle Blossom on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September (6lb, 1oz). This is when the really hard work begins Miss McCarthy!

We would also like to give our massive congratulations to the former Miss Towell, now Mrs Culver who was married on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. She was indeed a very beautiful bride!

### Awaiting Autumn

Summer is officially over and although we seem to still be blessed with quite a few sunny days the weather will no doubt start to turn at some point. With this in mind please could you make sure that children come to pre-school with appropriate, named, clothing i.e. a waterproof coat, wellies etc. as we do love splashing in puddles!

### Communication Diaries

Communication Diaries are a great way to share information between yourselves and the staff at pre-school. We all know that at times drop off and collection times aren't always convenient to stop and touch base, so why not leave a message in your child's diary. You may wish to raise a concern or inform us of something your child has achieved such as riding a bike without stabilisers or being in a ballet production. It also gives us a chance to report back to you on the great things your child has experienced during the day. If you are unable to find your diary and would like another, please ask a member of staff!

**The wicker basket is available outside (next to the suggestion box). If you wish us to respond to a comment in your child's communication diary, please place it in there on arrival.**