



## NEWSLETTER - October 2019

**Business Manager** (sessions) -

Penny Harland [penny.harland@croftpreschool.com](mailto:penny.harland@croftpreschool.com)

**Finance Officer** (invoices) - [lynn.reardon@croftpreschool.com](mailto:lynn.reardon@croftpreschool.com)

**Admin Officer** (funding) - [bev.swindell@croftpreschool.com](mailto:bev.swindell@croftpreschool.com)

**Telephone** 01925 764565 **Email** [admin@croftpreschool.com](mailto:admin@croftpreschool.com)

### Happy Days!

It has been lovely seeing all the children settle-in so quickly this term; they have adapted to the new routine well and are becoming more and more independent by the day i.e. placing their water bottles & lunch bags on the shelf on arrival, hanging up their own coats and placing their picture on the rainbow. This all makes for a more efficient and safer handover by maintaining a clear fire exit.

Sue has continued to help improve our allotment area by recently adding a flower/herb-growing crate. Any donations of winter bedding plants would be much appreciated.

It has been great using our brand new kitchen, so thanks again to Alan Coleman and his team from [Homestyle Kitchens](#) for donating and fitting it, and enabling us to maximise our kitchen space and functionality.

### Learning and development

The children have been participating in activities relating to stories and traditional tales. Your children may have come home discussing Jack and the Beanstalk last week. This week, we will be looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears. As one of our activities, we will be staging a teddy bear's picnic on Thursday, so we would be grateful if you could send your children in with their favourite teddy for this on Thursday.

Weekly/Fortnightly learning and development plans are attached to the parent information board for your perusal.

### Health and safety

The outdoor welly stand has made a huge difference in freeing-up indoor space, and installation of a portable outdoor hand-washing sink has helped to maintain high levels of good hygiene.

Thank you for continuing to send in healthy and balanced packed lunches; the children love showing us what they have in their lunch boxes every day. **Please ensure that any grapes or cherry tomatoes are cut in half to prevent choking hazards. Thank you.**

An amended version of the calendar for the new Academic Year 2019-2020 was sent out via email last week, following changes to the school's [St. Lewis' Primary]. For health and safety reasons, our term dates and holidays are the same as the school's. These will also be updated on our website this week.

### Physical activity

The children are continuing to enjoy the opportunity to take part in **the daily mile**; walking, jogging or running in or around the school playground on a daily basis.

**Diddikicks** sessions, led by Coach Callum, continue to take place on Friday mornings. The children love taking part in these sessions. If you would like to enrol your child in these sessions, please contact the office staff (email addresses in the header). Callum has recently informed me that Diddikicks is to be re-branded as 'Dreams Captured.'

### Session requests for 2020

I would be grateful if those who have not already informed me of their session requests for children looking to extend their hours in January/September, email me at their earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment. Thank you.



## NEWSLETTER - October 2019

**Business Manager** (sessions) -

Penny Harland [penny.harland@croftpreschool.com](mailto:penny.harland@croftpreschool.com)

**Finance Officer** (invoices) - [lynn.reardon@croftpreschool.com](mailto:lynn.reardon@croftpreschool.com)

**Admin Officer** (funding) - [bev.swindell@croftpreschool.com](mailto:bev.swindell@croftpreschool.com)

**Telephone** 01925 764565 **Email** [admin@croftpreschool.com](mailto:admin@croftpreschool.com)

### Donations

**Outdoor provision** We are keen to further improve our outdoor facilities, so, if the company you work for (or own) are able to help, or if you know of anyone who could help, we would be grateful of anything that would help improve our outdoor provision. E.g. we are looking to have an over-door shelter built, some paving slabs fitted and looking for donations of gravel/pebbles to surround our building with. Any wooden outdoor play provision would be gratefully received.

**Snacks** Thank you for all the donations of fresh fruit, especially those who have offered to bring them in on a regular basis. We will keep you informed if we build-up a surplus.

**Easyfundraising** Croft Early Years is a not-for-profit pre-school and a registered charity. All extra funds we can raise go towards providing a better learning experience for the children. You can help our fund-raising just by doing your online shopping! We have joined [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to help you to help us raise funds every time you buy almost anything online. You don't pay anything extra - the donation comes from the retailer - most of the major shops are there to choose from. Please [sign up today](#) and bookmark the page, so that you always start your shop at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). Many thanks.

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

29/9-1/10-/19 Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year\*

1/10/19 World Vegetarian Day

3/10/19 National Poetry Day

8/10/19 Yom Kippur - Jewish\*

14/10/19 National Baking Week

15/10/19 Global Handwashing Day

16/10/19 National Burns Awareness Day

25/10/19 [End of half-term](#)

27/10/19 Diwali (Deepavaali) - Hindu\*

#### November

5/11/19 Bonfire Night

10/11/19 World Science Day

11/11/19 Armistice Day

15/11/18 [Children in Need](#) (children to come in dressed in pyjamas; suggested donation of £1 per child)

18/11/19 Road Safety Week; World Nursery Rhyme Week

28/11/19 Thanksgiving Day

30/11/19 St. Andrew's Day

#### December

1/12/19 Start of Advent

13/12/19 [Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day](#) (suggested donation of £1 per child)

19/12/19 [10.30-11am Preschool Christmas Carol Service](#) (details to follow)

20/12/19 Christmas lunch & Party

2.00-2.30pm [Visit from Father Christmas](#); [End of term](#)

22/12/19 Start of Hannukah\*

25/12/19 Christmas Day - Christian\*

7/1/20 Preschool re-opens

\*Cultural/Religious events

(Notable dates/events in blue)

(Parents invited to events in red)

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, Penny