

St James Preschool

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New Hours

We are considering to offer revised opening hours from September 2017.

These may be an offer of 3 hours sessions.

These are the times we are considering. Feedback from parents is welcome.

Mornings: 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Afternoons: 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

On a Wednesday when there is no pre-school, you are welcome to bring your child to the

St James' Church 'Rainbows' toddlers group from 1.00pm – 2.30 pm.

We are considering the possibility of offering a lunch club on a couple of days if there is a demand. Please have a chat with Elaine about this if you think you might be interested. A cost will be involved and children will need to buy their own packed lunch.

Preschool Sunday

Another very successful Pre-school Sunday.

This year it was on Sunday 26th March 2017, Mothers day. It was also a chance to meet the 2 new members of staff.

We had a lovely morning at St James church with our children and staff leading the service. This year the theme was based on the story of Naomi. The moral of the story is friendship, love and kindness.

These are all key elements of St James and also important skills and emotions in life.

We also gave Sheila Weller her leaving gift after 15 years of dedicated service to St James pre-school.

Thankyou to everyone who helped to make the morning special and help with the morning.

Lots of fun was had by all.



St James Pre-school Fundraising

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Special points of interest:

- ♦ Fundraising committee
- ♦ Garden revamp
- ♦ Quiz Night and raffle
- ♦ Pre-school Sunday
- ♦ Woodley Carnival
- ♦ Ofsted visit and outcome
- ♦ Term dates

Fundraising Sub-Committee starts

With the first issue of the St James Pre-school newsletter, we would like to announce and welcome the Fundraising Sub-committee.

What is the St James Pre-School Fundraising Sub-Committee?

The St James Pre-School Fundraising sub-Committee has been going since February 2017. We are a group of parents, ex-parents, church members and staff, who all care about the Pre-School and are interested in the upkeep, reputation and running the pre-school. Aims The aim of the committee is to raise much needed funds which can be used to enhance the educational experience of the attending children, promote the reputation of the pre-school within the local area.

What can the fundraising Sub-Committee do to help my family/child?

The association will Provide extra funds to buy equipment that will benefit the whole pre-school community. Enhance your social life ,you can have fun and make friends, Form a vital link between different members of the community, e.g. parents, church community and the local community. It will allow you to be actively involved in your child's pre-school. It is easier to understand their problems if you know about their 'world'.

How you can help?

Please contact Jamie Chandler, if you would be interested in getting involved, in whatever capacity.

We need all sorts from committee members willing to make a regular commitment, to people who can make refreshments at a committee run event.

Perhaps you could help to provide contacts with the local community, be involved in fund-raising events?

Whatever contribution you can make will be gratefully received.

Remember, you can't spell fundraising without FUN!!!!



Garden revamp- 22/3/17

We would like to gratefully thank Isobel Grainger (parent) and Amdocs Widdershe for their financial and time donation towards St James Preschool.

Amdocs have donated over £1000 of equipment to help use revamp our garden area.

Also they came on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 and built and/or worked on the garden (Phase 1). Phase 2 to

be completed on Wednesday 29th March

St James Preschool are extremely grateful and thank Amdocs for their donations and all their hard work.

The children are doing to benefit so much by all their hard work and the garden is looking amazing.



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embrace challenge experience success

Fundraising Events

St James Pre-school Fundraising



Have you got what it takes to take home one of our fabulous prizes?

Saturday 1st April- starting at 7pm
St James church centre, kingfisher drive, Woodley, RG5 3LH

Tickets £2 pp/ Secure your team: Fundraisejamespreschool@outlook.com
Teams 4-6 people/ raffle and games during the break.

Tickets on sale from 1st March- first served basis.
Sort your team today!

All proceeds go directly to supporting St James Pre-school.

Keep your eyes open for future events.

Cinema nights, summer fairs and other ideas to follow

Volunteers needed to help out on our stall at Woodley Carnival on Saturday 10th June 2017.

Please speak to Elaine at Preschool or Jamie on Fundraisejamespreschool@outlook.com

Fun for all ages

Amazing prizes and lots of fun to be had

Games and raffle to be drawn at the half way break

St James Church Pre-school



QUIZ NIGHT RAFFLE

TO BE DRAWN AT THE QUIZ NIGHT ON 1st April.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

£1 PER STRIP

1st Prize £160 family photo shoot voucher from Barrett & Coe

2nd Prize Little Kickers gift certificate for 6 weeks football course, plus registration and uniform.

PLUS

Many, many more prizes to be won. So buy your tickets today

Please place ticket purchaser's name and contact phone number on the stubs and return all sold stubs to J. Chandler by Friday 31st March 2017.

St James Pre-school OFSTED visit- Friday 17th March 2017.

As some of you might be aware we had OFSTED visit the preschool on Friday 17th March 2017.

The pre-school was ready for the inspection and the day went extremely well.

The inspector arrived early at 8:15am and spent quite a few hours with us.

Her initial comments on walking into Pre-school were "Now this is lovely!"

The inspection involved questions directed towards all staff, parents and committee members. Many of the questions were deep and inclusive things like Safeguarding, SEN (Special Educational Needs), Language communication, children's welfare and our day to day running of the pre-school.

She spent a while in the garden observing individual children and looking through our learning journals.

At the end of the inspection she left us on tender hooks for 15 minutes whilst she contemplated and wrote up her records.

We are absolutely delighted with the OUTSTANDING result we were given.

We would like to thank all the staff for their amazing commitment and hard work.

We couldn't have received this result without the dedicated time and love they give both the pre-school and children.

Elaine Hawks.



Let the celebrations begin!

St James Pre-school is "OUTSTANDING" says OFSTED

Term Dates:

First day back after Easter holidays: Tuesday 18th April

May bank holiday: 1st May

Half term: 29th may- 2nd June

Summer term: 5th June- 21st July

Pre-school outing to Wellington country park: Wednesday 12th July.