

# Portishead Pre-School

Registered Charity - 298053

## Committee Newsletter



### FUNDRAISING FOR 2017/18

We would love to embrace the local community spirit and offer more involvement for parents with fundraising, so we are opening our fundraising meetings up to parents to attend. Our next is on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – The Old Mill – 7.30pm**. All committee, parents/carers and staff are welcome to share ideas, take on jobs and help spread the workload!

We have lots of exciting plans for the year including – Quiz Night, Disco, Mother's & Father's Day, Raft Race, Easter Colouring Competition and much more!

If you have a contact or a business that might be able to support us during this academic year, please get in touch!

### WHY DO WE FUNDRAISE?

The amount of money that the charity receives from the Government for "free child care" is minimal and covers only the basic requirements – minimal staffing and running costs. Many nurseries subsidise this by charging expensive top-up fees.

We are unable to do this, so we rely on fundraising to gather these extra funds. They allow us to employ extra staff so that the children can enjoy more generous ratios, replace and maintain resources, provide interesting and new learning experiences for the children and maintain and improve our buildings.

### MEET, GREET AND GARDEN Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10-11.30am

The renovation at Brampton is almost finished and we are all really pleased by how wonderful the building is now looking inside. The main room is brighter and more open, there is more space in the children's toilets and the office is now big enough to actually work in!

As a community Pre-School we would like to focus our attention to the outdoor spaces at both of our settings and plan to improve the outside areas, enabling an exciting environment for the children to play and learn. Therefore, on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, between 10 and 11.30**, the Committee would like to invite you to join them at Brampton to enhance the outside space there.

This is also an excellent chance to find out more about the committee: who we are, why we fundraise, what we do and how you can support us either as a new committee member or as a parent. There will be face painting for children, hot drinks and bacon rolls for sale and with your help we can enhance the outside space at Brampton with planting and bulbs.

The Committee is also keen to see the outdoor space at Hilltop enhanced, so we will also be taking a variety of pots and plants up to Hilltop and spending time improving the outdoor space with the children and staff later on in the week. If you would like to help us when we visit Hilltop please let a member of staff know.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – MEET, GREET AND GARDEN – Brampton Pre-School – 10 til 11.30am – Help us to finish the outside spaces at both settings through donations and gardening
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October – SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISERS: *Guess the Name of the Ghoul* and *How Many Spooky Sweets in the Jar?* - These will be on display in the waiting areas of both settings
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – FUNDRAISING MEETING – The Old Mill – 7.30pm – All welcome!
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Brampton Pre-School – 8pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – VICTORIAN EVENING – Portishead High Street

## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE COMMITTEE!

The Committee has a variety of ways of keeping in touch with parents:

- Our website – [www.portisheadpreschool.co.uk](http://www.portisheadpreschool.co.uk) - this is updated regularly with events, newsletters, dates etc.
- Our Facebook Page – "Portishead Pre-School" – we post regularly with news, events and reminders.
- Our Facebook Group – Portishead Pre-School Fundraising – this is set to secret to protect the privacy of all members, if you would like to join, please email [committee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:committee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk) and once we have verified you are a parent you will be sent a link.
- Emails – regular emails come out from the Pre-School – if you are not getting these please let a member of staff know.