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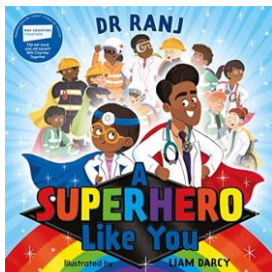
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Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2023

We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who supported our Halloween disco, including all the staff and committee, without whom the evening would not be possible and of course all of the families who came along. We raised £706.50!!

We also raised £17.96 on Halloween Fun Day, thank you all so much.



Theme: This term we are focussing our learning around the story: *A Superhero Like You* which will open a world of learning opportunities, particularly around different occupations, people who help us, and role play. We are also focussing on **Sustainable Development Goal : 8 Decent work and economic growth.** <https://youtu.be/xcZamDv2DZQ>
Follow the link for an interesting, child friendly introduction to this goal.

For further information on the goals, please see:

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

Your children are welcome to share any relevant items with us, including stories, games or toys.

The children would love to have visitors come talk to them about their job or career, so if you are friendly, confident, and have 5 minutes to spare, please make arrangements with Isabel or Denise. Demonstrations also welcome if you have a child friendly occupation!

We have been exploring fireworks in relation to Bonfire night and will be exploring **Diwali** this week, then **Christmas** in December. If your family celebrates any of these events, we would love to hear all about it and see any photographs. If you have any ideas of how we can celebrate in pre-school or would like to join in, please have a chat with your key person or Isabel.



To help us celebrate cultural and linguistic diversity and to support our activities this term, please could you send in any empty packets, boxes or jars (clean please!) with writing in languages other than English. We will be using these items to enrich our role play, ensuring that all of our families are represented within our setting. Thank you.

Collection Times: If you wish to have a chat with your key-person, or have a question for the management team, please arrive early enough to do this before the end of your child's session, so

that everyone can leave promptly. When parents and children are late leaving the setting, it inevitably impacts on the next session and / or staff ratios.

Please see attached fee schedule, as a reminder of the sessions we offer and associated charges.

Lunches: Thank you to you all for your understanding regarding choking hazards, and the adjustments you have made when preparing your children's lunch boxes. If you give your child a yoghurt, or a similar dessert, please do put a teaspoon in for them to eat with, as all of our teaspoons seem to have disappeared!

Art Projects for School: Look out for your child's festive artwork coming home soon! You can go online an order personalised merchandise, such as Christmas cards or tote bags, which will be delivered in time for Christmas. Please order by 17th November 2023.

Admissions to Primary Schools 2023: Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2019 and 31 Aug 2020? You must apply online for a place at Primary School. Apply online at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places> by 15th January 2024.

Parent Readers: The children love it when their parent/carer/grandparent or friends come to pre-school to tell their favourite story, or read one of our books, to the children. Please chat to Isabel or Denise if you are able to do this.

Committee: Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM, we have a strong committee and are looking forward to a productive year ahead: *Chairperson:* Amanda Stanger supported by the *Vice Chairperson:* Kristine Likaj. *Treasurer:* Andrew Kite. *Secretary:* Leah Packwood. *Parent/village members:* Kerry Bourton; Sharonjit Bhangu; Rachel Collins; Elizabeth O'Donoghue.

Family Board: Thank you to those who have sent in their family photos already, it really helps the children to settle in and have a strong sense of belonging and begin to understand their uniqueness. We use these for a display which the children love to look at and talk about. Please remember to send in (or email) a family photograph, if you have not already done so. A note on who's who would be very helpful!

Details update: Please ensure that your personal details are up to date, including changes of mobile phone numbers; trusted friends or family who may collect your child; email addresses.

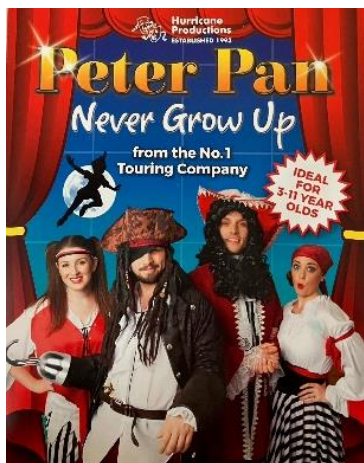


Christmas: It will soon be that time again! We need your help: please donate items for the raffle and tombola stall. Suggestions: tins, toiletries, wine, chocolates, crackers, unwanted gifts, vouchers. If you have or know of any business' that would like to donate prizes or vouchers, please let Denise or Isabel know. THANK YOU.

Dates for Your Diaries:

Saturday 18th November: Quiz night! Gather your team and head to Hersden Chislet Club, 19.30 for a 20.00 start. Tables raise funds for the community charity of their choice, please choose Hersden Under 5's Project! Hope to see you there. This event is organised by Hersden Community Put Back.

Key Person Meetings: Wednesday 29th November. Please take the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into pre-school and their progress through the EYFS. Please make an appointment with Isabel or Denise. Please use the yellow stickers provided, or a post-it note of your choosing, to record your child's learning and achievements or "wow" moments of which you feel proud. Alternatively, you can email these to us, for inclusion in their Learning Journals. As you know, you are welcome to email photographs of your child's learning to us, however we respectfully ask that you limit this to 5 photographs per term, or the printing/admin costs become unmanageable, thank you.



Friday 1st December: Pantomime!! Chislet Colliery Club has kindly organised a pantomime, which will be held at the club at **13.30**. We will take the children who usually attend here on a Friday afternoon, and return to pre-school with them, please collect them from pre-school as usual. If you would like to come with your child, or think that you child will need you (it will be very busy and very loud) please have a chat with Isabel or Denise.

If your child does NOT usually attend pre-school on a Friday afternoon, and you would like them to see the pantomime, please take them to the club at 13.20 for a 13.30 start. You must stay with your child for the duration of the show, and take them with you when it finishes.

Wednesday 13th December 13.30: Christmas Fair and Nativity at Chislet Colliery Welfare Club: Everyone is welcome, please invite your families and friends.

Please bring your child/children, dressed in their Nativity costume, to the club at 13.15 ready for a 13.30 start (we will supply you with a suitable costume). Please bring a change of clothing for your child to wear after the performance, so that costumes can be returned to us on the day. After a short show, we will open the fair, please stay for some fun and refreshments.



At the fair there will be an exciting variety of stalls including, amongst others: a huge tombola, a magnificent raffle, children's magnets and calendars, a cake stall, games, and refreshments. We are also hoping for a rather special visitor, who would like to see all the good boys and girls! The fair will be finished by 15.00, and the raffle will be called on the day. Please note that as this is an inset day **pre-school will be closed all day.**

Holidays: Pre-school will close on **Friday 15th December at 16.00**. Term 3 starts on **Wednesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.45** (Tuesday 2nd January is an inset day)

We wish you all a very (early!) Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.