



15th April - 22nd July 2024

Newsletter

Summer Term

We need your help to keep our pre-school open!

On 22nd April, our Annual General Meeting will take place and we still need volunteers to take on the key roles of chairperson and vice treasurer.

As the pre-school is a registered charity, we cannot run without a committee in place. Last year we came close to immediate closure because we didn't recruit enough new committee members to replace those who were stepping down. We were only able to remain open as our chair and treasurer agreed to remain on the committee for another year, despite no longer having children at the pre-school.

However, they cannot remain in post again this year and, at present, we have had no nominees come forward to take over the chair role. This means we again face the possibility of closing, effective from 23rd April. I'm sure all of you will agree that we cannot let this happen. The Early Years sector is already struggling to offer enough places to those who need them, and despite these tough economic times, we have been able to not only keep our doors open, but we are still able to provide high quality care at a relatively low hourly fee rate.

Please don't let our wonderful pre-school shut its doors just because we don't have a committee in place!

If you can give a few hours of your time to help us, please email chairbcps@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can complete a nomination form at the meeting AGM on 22nd April. The AGM will take place in the small hall of the pastoral centre at 7.30pm.

Dates for your Diary

Pre-School photo day

Monday 13th May, 9.15am

Fotofrenzee will be taking professional portraits of the children, and graduation photos for our leavers.

If this is not your child's normal pre-school day, you are welcome to bring them in to have their photo taken.

Pre-School Sports Day

Friday 14th June, 9.15am

All children are invited to participate. A picnic for families will take place at Sun Corner (or in the hall in the event of inclement weather) once the races have concluded.

Leavers presentation

Friday 19th July, 9.15am-10.15am

End of term party (all children invited)

Friday 19th July, 10.15am-11.15am

More details to follow

Summer Holiday Club

5th-8th August, 9.15am-2.45pm

We still have a limited number of spaces still available. Fees for the summer holiday club are £40 per day (minimum 2 days) or £140 for all four days. Please email us at billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com to reserve your place.

New starter pre-visits

Friday 6th September, 12.45pm-1.45pm

More information to follow

Getting Ready for School Sessions

A reminder for all those who have signed up for this course, the sessions take place from 12.30pm-2.45pm on the following Fridays:

3rd May	10th May	7th June
14th June	5th July	12th July

Reminders...

Lunch club

Children are fully supervised during lunch club, but to help us further prevent the risk of choking incidents, we kindly ask that foods such as grapes and cocktail sausages are cut into smaller pieces.

We have a child attending pre-school with an allergy to nuts. Due to the seriousness of this allergy, please refrain from sending in any food containing nut products.

Outdoor play in warm weather

Please ensure your child attends with a named sun hat, and that sun cream is applied before they enter pre-school.

Drop off/collection

If anyone other than the normal person is collecting your child, please make us aware of this. Please also make sure anyone collecting your child is aware of your chosen password.

Absences

It is important that, if your child will not be attending pre-school for any reason, you contact us as soon as possible to inform us of the reason for the absence.