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## September 2023 Newsletter

What a lovely start to the term we have had – despite some questionable weather!

### **Welcome to our new Committee.**

As you may have already seen we have welcomed two new committee members to the board of Trustees. Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM last week. We have lots planned for the year and are always appreciative of any, and all, support with events and activities.

Your committee for 23/34 are as follows:

<b>Chair/ Health &amp; Safety / Policies</b>	Lorna Prickett Treacy
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Hayley Potter
<b>Secretary</b>	Rebecca Hutton
<b>Treasurer</b>	Milly Clifford (New)
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Stacey Bellamy
<b>Additional Members</b>	Chell Parsons (New), Tash Hawkins

### **Welcome to our new staff!**

This term we are also welcoming Vicki Bluett and Natasha Lambden to the team as bank staff. Some of you will have met Vicki last week whilst Natasha has completed a 2-day first aid course. Both have experience in various childcare settings and a wealth of knowledge we hope to make use of now they are part of the team!

### **Jubilee Suite Roof**

As we made you aware last term, we need a new roof. Plans were in place for this to be completed over the summer, however the builders had to postpone due to unforeseen circumstances. We will continue to work with the hall and will update you with any new plans for the work to be done.

### **Stay & Play Session – Wednesdays 10am – 12pm**

Stay and Play is back this year but with a new time! Sessions will now run on Wednesday mornings for under 5's. A great chance for parents / guardians to bring along your little ones, get to know the setting and the staff and have lots of fun – and with the change in time it also means snack time will be included! Cost is £2 per child to include a snack, however an adults must accompany the child. This is open to all under 5's including our Sallywags, even if it is not their normal day.

### **Halwill Parent & Toddler Group**

There is also the Halwill Parent & Toddler group, who meet at the Baptist Church Hall on Monday mornings. This is such an important resource in the village and sadly, if more people don't start using it, it will become unviable to continue. This used to be a thriving group and it would be lovely to see it thriving again.

### **Uniform**

Pennie still has some available stock of uniform. It is not compulsory but if you would like some, please ask and she will be able to advise on current prices.

### **Facebook**

For those of you who use Facebook, please do follow our public page 'Sallywags Pre School Halwill' for up-to-date info on events and things going on.

We also have a closed group for parents and staff. Whilst important information will be communicated to you through phone, email, text, or letter, we do share additional info on this group to keep you all up to date – as the group is a private group please speak to Lorraine, Lorna or Pennie to get access.

### **Fundraising**

As you know we rely on fundraising to keep us going financially and we are always grateful for any support our families can give us. Our time as a partner with the Co-op community fund ends on October 21<sup>st</sup> – so if you shop at Co-op, please make sure to select us as your cause and swipe your membership every time you spend! Every penny counts and we are looking forward to celebrating with a nice cheque later this term! You can also support us everytime you shop online with [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk). Simply set up an account – choose us as your cause and then visit hundreds of your favourite websites, via the easyfundraising app and we will get an extra cashback donation with no extra cost to you!

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Bag2School Collection – Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9am**

Our next Bag2School collection is booked for 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023. If you are having a clear out in the next few weeks, please consider saving your old clothes and donating to use, as we get cashback based on the weight of clothes donated! You will receive a letter this week with details of what's included. Please drop bags at the main entrance to the Parish Hall by 9am sharp on the day.

#### **Christmas Shopping Fair – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 6.30pm – 9pm**

This year we are very grateful to the toddler group who have passed this fundraiser onto us. So, not only will we be hosting our normal stall, we will also benefit from the full fundraising from it. We've got lots of fabulous stall holders lined up so please do pop in and see us – we will also be serving refreshments, cakes and have a fab raffle! If you can donate to the raffle, cook, or buy us some delicious cakes, or help on the night, we would be really grateful.

#### **Christmas Bingo – December 2022**

After many requests Bingo will be back this year.... With a BAR!! We're still working things out so keep an eye out for details soon!

Lorna, Staff & The Committee

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