

Chudleigh Pre-School AUTUMN 2

November 2019



Chudleigh Pre-School
play & learn together



So far this term, we have been celebrating Autumn in Devon, mixing our own Autumn colours and playing with conkers and acorns. We have been learning about our own traditions, special days and festivals as well as the celebrations of other children. We are now changing our thoughts to preparing for advent, the nativity story and all of the sparkle and glitter that come with Christmas activities.

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

For children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016, the Devon Schools online application facility opens on 15th November 2019 and closes on 15th January 2020.

Please note, Devon County will only accept applications between these dates and no applications are considered until after the closing date. You can apply online at: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. It is essential you apply, or your child may miss out on your first choice. If you are unable to access the admissions website, you can call the Education Helpline on: Tele: 0345 155 1019, or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk or www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline.



We are really excited to say that we have again been accepted as one of Chudleigh Co-Op's Local Community Fund projects. **If you are a member of the Co-Op, can we please ask that you log in to your account and select us as your local cause.** We have been lucky enough to have been one of the selected projects in the past and were able to use the generous contributions to build our fantastic mud kitchen at the Town Hall Site. **Our next big project is to build an open-access, outdoor learning space and sensory garden to improve facilities and support children with specialist needs.**

Chudleigh Pre-School Profile Page

Please use this link to see the project we are raising funds for.
<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/42484>

£3,800

Recived last year.

Thank you to every-
one who voted for
us.

Buggies and prams at the School Site

This is a gentle reminder from Chudleigh Primary School that the Pre-School cloakroom area is a major fire exit and, therefore, should remain clear of obstacles at all times. This includes buggies and prams. We appreciate that this is difficult, but we need to follow the school's fire procedures in order to keep all children and staff safe and must therefore ask that you leave buggies and prams outside.



NUT ALLERGY

The children who attend the school site have started enjoying eating their lunch in the Primary School Hall.

Due to a significant number of children in the Primary School who have extremely severe nut allergies. We are requesting that packed lunches and snacks have items which do not contain nuts or nut based products.



Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



On Friday **13th December**, we are holding our Nativity play at the Church at 2:15pm - 3:00pm and everyone is invited! This will be an informal event where we'll be telling the Christmas Story and singing simple Christmas Carols with the Children as the story unfolds. Please save the date and more information will shortly follow.

Also, on that Friday, it is **Christmas Jumper Day**, so perhaps you and your child would like to show off your Christmas Jumpers! There will be a **Save the Children** fund donation box, which is the charity that Christmas Jumper Day supports. . **If your child regularly attends on a Friday afternoon session, please rest assured that your child will be taken to the church for the Nativity and the Christmas Party (see below for details), if you are unable to attend these events.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Christmas Party will be on Friday **20th December**, 1.30pm – 3.00pm in The Large Hall (Upstairs) at Chudleigh Town Hall.

Your children are welcome to arrive from 1.30pm for refreshments, with entertainment starting at 2.00pm. This is a ticket only event and tickets will be on sale from Monday 9th December at a price of £3.50 each.

If siblings are attending, and would like a present, they will need a ticket of their own.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Once again, we are running a Christmas raffle in order to raise funds for Pre-School. We have some fantastic prizes from: Ashburton Cookery School, Riverford, Powderham Castle, Mole Valley, and many more.

If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, we will be sending some home with your children soon and they will also be available at the late-night shopping evening in Chudleigh on 5th December. The draw will take place during the Nativity on the 13th December 2019.



LATE NIGHT SHOPPING/CHUDFEST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Chudleigh Pre-School will have a table at the Chudfest Christmas event on Thursday **5th December**. Can you help man the stall and sell raffle tickets? Please contact the office to put your name down.

FINANCE



Invoices for this half-term have now been handed out and are due for payment by 1st December 2019. If you have any queries or concerns over the payment, please do not hesitate to come to the office where we can discuss a payment plan.

Funding: Please remember to complete and return your Parent Declaration form, along with a form of ID for your child, by the end of this term if your child is becoming eligible for funding from January. Remember, we need 30 hour codes before the end of term, in order to validate them for January. If you are unsure about whether your child qualifies, you can check your eligibility online using



<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

ADMIN

Extra Sessions: If you are looking to increase your child's sessions after Christmas, now is the time to request the sessions you would like. The form is attached. All the children have settled really well into both sites. We are pleased to be in the position this year, to be able to offer parents the opportunity to increase their child's session after Christmas if they would like too. Just a reminder that the Town Hall accommodates our children aged 2 - 5 years and school site is the children who will be starting the school in September 2020. There is limited availability at the school site on some sessions but we are now allowing the opportunity to book the children in for 4 full days a week at the school site. Please note that on a Friday children are transferred to the Town Hall for the PM session as the school site is closed on Friday PM. Please return the completed form to the Office by the 6th December 2019. Please note that there is limited availability on some sessions.

Pre-School Committee: If you are interested in joining the Committee, getting more involved in the running of our Pre-School or fundraising, do email admin@chudleighpreschool.org.uk and we can give you more information about how to join us!

Tapestry Photographs on Social Media!

There are times when the photos and observations that we add to your child's Tapestry journal may contain images or names of other children: may we take this opportunity to remind you that these must not be shared on social media without the express, written permission of those children's parents/carers.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Late Night Shopping: Thursday 5th December

Pre-School Nativity & Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 13th December

Last day of term & Christmas Party: Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2020

Pre-School closed: Monday 7th January

First day of term: Tuesday 8th January

Spring Headcount Week: 14th – 18th January

Application for Primary School Places closes (for children due to start school in September 2019): Tuesday 15th January

Half term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Last day of term: Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2020

First day of term: Tuesday 14th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Summer Headcount Week: 13th – 17th May

Half term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

Pre-School closed: Monday 3rd June

Last day of term: Friday 19th July

