



## Autumn 2 Newsletter November 2024

**Welcome:** We give a warm welcome to Rupert and Grace who join us this half term at Preschool. We look forward to having lots of fun with you.

**Dates for your diary: Christmas Jingle Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 11am-1:30pm.** More details coming very soon, please keep your eyes out for appeals for tombola prizes and pleas for willing helpers, which could be manning stalls or making cakes. The children will be singing some lovely Christmas songs at midday, we would love as many children to be as part of this as possible. The children will also have some of their fantastic artwork on display for you to look at and enjoy with a glass of mulled wine.

Please keep your eyes out early next year for a meet the committee morning. Where you can meet our current committee and learn what they do and how you could be a willing helper or learn about joining the committee.

**Parent Stay & Play Every Friday Morning. 9:30-11am.** Please come and join us. £3 a session.

**Finish for Christmas: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Reopen Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**Important information for those with children starting school in September 2025.** You should have received an email from us before half term with information about how to apply for school. The website is: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions>

All information can be found here and the closing date for applications is: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Tax-free Childcare:** Are you aware you may be able to claim tax-free childcare? More information is available here and how you may be able to claim:

[Help paying for childcare: Childcare you can get help paying for \('approved childcare'\) - GOV.UK](#)

**Childcare choices website:** Local authorities have been made aware of an unofficial Childcare Choices FB page which has been set up by parents. Please be aware that there is misinformation being shared which is causing confusion for parents. The DfE has been made aware. Please signpost parents to the official Childcare Choices website at:

[Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

**Changes to sessions/ extra sessions:** As we are getting busier if you are wanting to change or add sessions to your child's week from January 2025, could you please let Debbie or Yvonne Know as soon as possible so that we can accommodate these sessions. Extra ad-hoc sessions can still be booked if space allows.