



Dear Parents,

1st September 2015

We hope the Summer holidays were happy and restful for you and that you are full of energy to start our Autumn Term.

We welcome all our new children

Alistaire, Cleo, Dan, Isobel, Max, Natalie and Zachariah

and a big hello again to all the returning children

We also welcome the New Committee Members who are headed by
Chairperson Lynsey Barnard

My name is Lynsey Barnard. My husband and I moved to Crowborough 9 years ago but both grew up locally. I have been a Paediatric Speech and Language therapist since 2002! Working for the NHS and independently. We have two children, one at St Johns School and one starting here in September. I am passionate about facilitating fun communication friendly spaces, meeting children where they are at, but also fostering community. My hobbies are helping lead a cafe style service at All Saints Church, craft, exercise, gardening (all when I have the time juggling working Mum role, work and a young family!) and of course chocolate! I'm looking forward to getting to know you all more this year. Please feel free to contact me with any queries, concerns or suggestions. Let us know things you love and things you would change about our preschool

Our Staff are always around to help – Supervisor Linda Scott, Deputy Supervisor Zena Sawyer, Julie Bourne, Julie Jarvis, Michelle McIlvenny and Lisa Weait. Lisa will be able to help you with any information regarding funding or invoicing

Don't forget our email address is stjohnspreschool-crowborough@hotmail.co.uk if you need anything.

We will start the term off in the first week with getting to know each other and learning each other's names. Look on the notice board for the weeks' planning.

Week 1. Personal Social and Emotional Development.

We will be helping your children to settle in and make friends

We will be talking about our family and who lives with us. Do you have any pets, and what are your favourite animals.

Week 2. Understanding the World

Week 3. Maths

Week 4. Expressive Arts & Design

Week 5. Literacy

Week 6. Physical Development

Week 7. Communication & Language

Annual Contracts – Our annual contracts are now in force and we will need all the existing children to have one. This will enable us to keep all your information up to date on one form. We will be sending out a copy to you for your completion.

Tapestry

Parents, some of you are familiar with our assessments for your children on **Tapestry**, you should all have a password to enable you to get in and view how well your child is doing. We would really like you to comment on what you see or even let us know about your child's achievements at home. There is a section called All about me for you to complete which gives us a great picture of your child, please feel free to fill it in. We will be looking at **Tapestry** to see how we can let you know what we are working on with your child towards their next steps

Harvest has been booked for the **8th October at St John's Church at 11.30 am** the staff and the children would love to see you there, please bring a donation of food either tins or packaged food for the homeless, thank you. Father Robert will be speaking to the children and we shall have songs to sing too.

Autumn Walk

We will be taking our Autumn walk on **15th October 2015 9.15am start** weather permitting, an alternative day will be set if the weather is bad - Children who do not usually attend on this day are more than welcome to come, along **with their parents**. There will be a list on the wall outside for parent helpers; we will need as many hands to hold as possible. The walk will be the usual walk across the forest spotting things and collecting things along the

way, which we will use to make a lovely autumn display. Please remember to dress your child in appropriate clothing and footwear.

The Committee have regular meetings, please look on our website, or the notice board where you will find the date and time of the next meeting, you are more than welcome to come along and find out what is going on in the preschool.

Don't forget we have *Ad hoc* sessions available, you may have an appointment you need to attend and your child can come to school and have some fun.

.... We all thank you all in advance for your help over the coming year from **Linda, Zena, Julie Bourne, Julie Jarvis, Michelle and Lisa**