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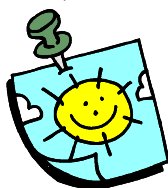
# NEWSLETTER

Welcome back and hello to Dante, Ruby and Eve our new starters this term, and congratulations to the Quilters on the safe arrival of Ava.

Our topic this term is People and Places, we will be looking at how people live, eat and play in countries around the world and how where we live is similar or different. We will also be looking at different emotions, introducing puppets to the children who embody the good learning skills that are the basis of Learning to Learn and practising our signing which we hope to share with you through a singing event on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** from 12:30pm.



With warmer weather now hopefully here to stay please could you apply sun cream before the children come to pre-school and remember sun hats too as we do spend the majority of our time outside.



We also get paddling pools out for the children and have lots of water play. Please could you bring in named clothes to keep at pre-school that you would be happy for them to wear outside in the pools. Also, the addition of cool blocks to lunch boxes is probably a good idea.

If you'd like to help out for any sessions so we can go on outings around the village speak to a member of staff. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter Egg Walk we raised over £150 for Tatul.

## Cuckoo Fair Procession

We have been asked if we would like to take part again this year. It involves meeting up at the **Bull Hotel at 10:30am** for 10:45 and walking up the Borough to the Maypole behind the Pre-school banner. If the children would like to dress up or wear their pre-school T-shirts that would be great.



## IMPORTANT

### Changes to the Nursery Grant (Free Entitlement)

From September 2010 Free Entitlement will be changing. Currently you can claim for five 2 ½ hour sessions per week (12 ½ hours) this will be changing to 15 hours. The change from sessions to hours means that you will now be able to claim for lunch clubs. We will be send home a more detailed letter in the near future.

This change will allow us to start running a Tuesday afternoon session from September. We will also change the way we charge for sessions, from £7.50 per sessions to £3.00 per hour, which you will notice is a slight increase. Unfortunately for children not on the Free Entitlement the lunch club will now be £3.00 too but there has not been an increase in the lunch club fees for at least 5 years.

For more information go to <http://www.askwiltshire.org/info-centre/financial-help-for-families/>

## Bring you Bear to Pre-school

We will be holding a Bring you Bear to Pre-school Day on **Wednesday 16 June**.

In return for a £1 donation the children can bring their favourite teddy or soft toy to pre-school.

All money raised will go to support Action Medical Research and their Touching Tiny Lives Appeal. Action Medical Research funding has benefited thousands of mothers-to-be and their babies.



## School Link

If you want to place an order with from the school link catalogue place return the form to pre-school by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Ltd and put your name and address on the back.

## Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

If you are collecting vouchers there are collection boxes in the lobby if you'd like to donate your vouchers to pre-school. We were able to get some great equipment last year.



## Committee AGM

Don't forget, we are hold our AGM, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at Pre-school.