



March 2010

NEWSLETTERS

Welcome to William and Max who have started our main sessions and to Taylor who starts the 2 year old session.

This term we will be looking at Storytelling through the vehicles of Superheroes and shows which are recurring themes in the children's play at the moment. Storytelling builds on the children's imagination and involves sequencing which is an important part of language development. We will also be looking at rhyming and rhythm which also links into skills to help with reading and writing later on.



If the children would like to wear dressing up clothes on an day they come to pre-school that would be great, they could talk about their character and build it in to their play we would also like to use face paint this term, the make we use is "Snazaroo" which is hypo-allergenic



but if your child is allergic to face paint let us know, it will, of course, be their choice whether they want to use the face paint or not.

This term will also incorporate Mother's Day, World Book Day and the run up to Easter – so much to do!!



A note about lunches – please can you make sure there are no nuts in the children's lunch boxes, this includes peanut butter – this is now part of our policies. Also, if the children have fruit it is very helpful



if it is cut up and/or peeled ready for them to eat and that they can manage to open the majority of their boxes/packages themselves. Although we are very happy to help with this, when lunch clubs are busy

Decorated, Sponsored Easter Egg and Spoon Run!

We will be holding an Easter Egg Run on Tuesday 23rd March at 12:45 in the Memorial Gardens. The run will raise funds for the little boy we sponsor in Armenia, Tatul.

There will be a competition for the best decorated hard boiled egg which will the children will then use in an Egg & Spoon Run.



Sponsor forms will be coming home soon, children will need to decorate eggs at home.

Refreshments will be available at pre-school after the run.

School Link

If you want to place an order with from the school link catalogue place return the form to pre-school by Friday 12th January. Please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Ltd and put your name and address on the back.

Help for Outings

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.

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.



Ink Cartridge Recycling

If you have any empty ink cartridges they can be recycled via pre-school. We receive money for each one we recycle. There is a box in the porch in which you can deposit the empties.

Don't forget

If you are buying something online have a look at www.buy.at/downtonpreschool and see if the online store you want is listed, then just click on it to shop as usual and you will earn pre-school a commission.

Term Dates

Term 4 - 22nd February to 26th March 2010

Three week break

Term 5 - 19th April to 28th May 2010

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Term 6 - 7th June to 23rd July 2010

Committee

Our next meeting is on Monday 22 March at 8pm at Fran Webley's house. We love to see some more faces, for directions email admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk or ask at pre-school.