



# Newsletter

## October 2007

### Next term

Next term's topic will be 'A is for Africa', followed by two weeks of Christmas activities in the run up to our Christmas show! Details of show to be advised after the holiday.

### Reminders

**Pampered Chef Evening** is on **Tuesday 16 October** in the **Baptist Hall** at **7.30**. Come and see a cookery demonstration using Pampered Chef equipment which you will have an opportunity to buy. Tickets are £2, to include a glass of wine, and available from Pre-school or from the Cottage Loaf on the Borough.

The **parents' event** this term is on **Wed 17 October**, at **12.30**. We would love to share our harvest songs and show you the work the children have completed so far. Friends and family are welcome. Keyworkers will be available for a chat and to look over record keeping.

### Term dates

Term 1 ends Fri 19 Oct. Term 2 begins Mon 5 Nov and ends Fri 21 Dec

### Spring Term – for children in receipt of Nursery Grant only.

We have been advised by the Wiltshire County Council Nursery Grant team that the

week from **31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008** will **NOT** be grant funded. Pre-school will be open, so parents will be asked to pay for all the sessions attended during that week. However you can choose for your child(ren) not to attend that week. We should like to know in advance so that we can plan staffing. We will ask you to indicate your choice when booking Spring Term sessions on the Session Confirmation Form, which you will receive in November.

### Primary School

(A reminder of the notice sent by Wiltshire County Council.)

Will your child be four years old before 1 September 2008? If so, you must apply for a primary school place. The deadline for applications is **noon on Friday 16 November 2007**. Apply online at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). Application forms for Wiltshire schools are also available at primary schools and pre-schools. All forms must be returned to the School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge. Ring Customer Care Unit on 01225 713010 for more information or to request the booklet, 'Finding a Primary School Place in Wiltshire'.

### Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 24 November, 10.30 to 12.30, at the Memorial Hall. Come and do some Christmas shopping, or maybe buy

something for yourself! Pre-school are having a Nearly New table, so if anyone has any saleable items they'd like to donate or get rid of please bring them into Pre-school before the 23rd Nov. For example good quality toys or baby accessories., but anything saleable will be welcome.

If you can donate food and/or drinks for the bazaar we would be very grateful. A note will go up on the door about this nearer the time.

### Tesco Sports

We are collecting Tesco Sports vouchers, box in the entrance lobby. Thank you for all your vouchers to date. Last year we collected enough for some great equipment, including a goal and footballs.

### Fundraising news

Thank you to everyone for all your efforts collecting vouchers and raising money for Pre-school. It all comes in very useful for new equipment for the children to enjoy.

Good news about the Pamper Evening, which raised £360.22. Some of these will be spent on a digital camera. The children love seeing photos of themselves and we hope to take many more with this.

We have recently taken delivery of our Tesco Computers software including a Children's Encyclopedia. And we also received our Sainsbury's Active Kids parcel of a balance board, beanbags and a book of games for our parachute.

More fundraising news. Yellow Moon orders have raised £26.51, and we recently received a School Link voucher for £11.20 from book orders.

Remember to do your online shopping at: **[www.buy.at/downtonpreschool](http://www.buy.at/downtonpreschool)**, as a percentage of sales comes to us at no cost to you.

### Web site

Remember our web site at: **<http://www.downtonpreschool.co.uk/>**

Non-urgent enquiries can now be emailed: **[admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk)**

Do visit the site for information on term dates, events and copies of past newsletters. You can also find details of how the Pre-school is run and a gallery of the children's artwork.

### Car parking

Please consider the primary school children and the residents of Gravel Close, and avoid parking along the road – thank you!