



Newsletter

September 2007

Welcome!

Firstly, welcome back to all those who are returning to Pre-school, we hope you had a good summer despite a slight lack of summery weather!

A new welcome to **Ben, Jack and Charlie** who are just starting with the 3 to 5 year olds and to **Jack, Lucy, Erin, Harrison, Isabella, Millie, Daisy and Kieran** who are the founder members of our new Thursday afternoon sessions for 2 year olds.

Our **topic for this term** is **All About Me** and we will be looking at our senses and out feelings.

We plan to walk to the library on Monday 24 September to 'listen' to what we can hear on the way and 'look' at the bridge works and all the fantastic books in the library. (Visit to be confirmed.)

We will be incorporating the idea of harvest festivals into this term and hope to make a collection for the Trussell Trust.

Scrapstore Visit

On **Tuesday 9 October** we are being visited by the **Wiltshire Scrapstore van**. They will be providing a workshop

from 11am to 1pm at which you can put your creative energies to good use. **Everyone is welcome**, including children who do not attend on a Tuesday, friends and relatives, though all children do need to be accompanied. There will be lots of resources available to purchase, so you can carry on the good work at home!

Parents' Events – Dates For Your Diary

The planned dates for **parents' events for the 3-5 year olds** are as follows, although they may be subject to change.

Wed 17 Oct – All About Me/Harvest
Wed 19 Dec – Nativity Play
Tues 12 Feb 08 – People Who Help Us
Tues 1 April – Spring/Easter
Tues 20 May – Mini Beasts
Tues 22 July – Sports Day

Each event will be a chance for us to share some of the work we have been doing on each term's topic and to speak to staff and committee.

For children going up to school, the Leavers' Party is Wed 23 July (tbc).

More Diary Dates

Tuesday 18 September. Pamper Evening at the Memorial Hall. 7.30 to 9.30. Mini

treatments will be available on the night, with wine and nibbles. Tickets are £5 (entitling you to your first drink) and available from 'The Cottage Loaf', 'Beautique' and 'Hair Design', all along the Borough. More details on the web.

Tuesday 16 October. 'Pampered Chef' event at the Baptist Hall. A cookery demonstration using some desirable kitchen equipment, which you will have an opportunity to buy. Details to follow.

Saturday 24 November. Christmas Bazaar, Memorial Hall, 10.30 to 12.30.

Term dates 2007/08

Term 1: Monday 3 Sept to Fri 19 Oct
Term 2: Mon 5 Nov to Fri 21 Dec
Term 3: Mon 7 Jan to Fri 15 Feb
Term 4: Mon 25 Feb to Fri 4 Apr
Term 5: Mon 21 April to Fri 23 May
Term 6: Mon 2 Jun to Fri 25 Jul

Easter closure: 21 and 24 March
Bank Holiday closure: Mon 5 May

Admissions News

Term 1 & 2 sessions already booked

Monday (am) 15 (lc) 11 (pm) 10
Tuesday (am) 9 (lc) 3
Wednesday (am) 13 (lc) 6
Thursday (am) 9 (lc) 2
Friday (am) 14 (lc) 8 (pm) 9

Our spring term (terms 3 & 4) is 12 weeks, but Wiltshire County Council are only paying nursery grant for 11 weeks. You have the option of having your child attend for 11 weeks only if you do not wish to pay for the extra week. Details to follow. If you have any queries, please contact our Finance and

Admissions Officer, Kate Howells, on 01725 513363.

Fundraising

We raised £381 through our sponsored bounce last term, which we will spend on construction toys and 'small world' toys. Thank you for all your support.

Pre-school is very grateful to Brace's Bakery for a cash donation of £50 towards outdoor play equipment.

We have just received a cheque for £24.54 from buy.at. Thank to you everyone who has been shopping through the site! For those of you who are new to this, if you do your online shopping at:

www.buy.at/downtonpreschool, a percentage of sales comes to us at no cost to you. Retailers include John Lewis, Amazon and Marks & Spencer.

Web site

Our new web site is up and running! Thanks to David Ware for all his hard work on this. It's at: **<http://www.downtonpreschool.co.uk/>**

Non-urgent enquiries can now be emailed:

admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk

Car parking

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