



# Newsletter Sept 2008

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to everyone, and a special welcome to **Hector, Milo** and **Toby** who have just started in our main sessions, and to **Lucas** who is starting in the 2 year old sessions. We hope everyone had a good summer, in spite of the weather.

Our topic this term is **shapes and colours** and we hope to use cooking and the work of famous artists to support this.

We will be sending out updated consent forms shortly – these, along with risk assessments, should allow us more freedom and spontaneity in going for nature walks, etc. Please be assured that the children's safety will always be paramount.

Our **parents' event** this term will be based on Noah's Ark, and will take place on **Wednesday 22 October** at Pre-school from 12.30. Please come and join us, see what the children have been up to, share a cup of tea and have a chat to staff and other parents/carers – everyone is welcome.

## Starting Primary School next year?

If your child was born between 1 September 2004 and 31 August 2005, you need to apply for school place for the 09/10 academic year. Applications must be received by Wiltshire County Council by noon on Friday 14 November 2008. You can apply online at

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk), where further information is available. We have a few paper application forms if you are unable to do this, or you can get a form from your preferred primary school.

There is a guidance booklet and Salisbury schools directory in the foyer which you can look at – please do not remove them as they are the only ones we have. If you have any questions please ask and we will attempt to answer as best we can!

## Invoices

Invoices are being sent out this week and we would appreciate prompt payment by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Session fees have increased to £7.00 per session. Lunch Club remains at £2.50. If you have any queries please contact Andrea Ware on 01725 514436.

## Childcare vouchers

We accept Childcare Vouchers, please speak to Andrea Ware for more information.

## Lunch Clubs

Just to remind you ...

We have spaces available every day for lunch club.

If you would like to book a casual lunch club, from 11:30 to 12:30, just bring £2.50

and a packed lunch on the day and book in (subject to space being available).  
Contact: 01725 511178 (Answering service out of hours)

### Committee and staff changes

We've had to say farewell to committee member Kirstin Sykes, who has moved back up North. Kirstin was Secretary for two years, before taking over as Vice-Chair in May. We will all miss her quiet efficiency, and wish her and her family well in their new home.

Rosalind Johnson, our Admin Officer for the past three years, will be leaving us at the end of September, to study history as a full-time student at the University of Winchester. Andrea Ware, who many of you will know from her work on the committee as Admissions Officer (and Treasurer before that) will be taking over the post. We would like to thank Rosalind for all her hard work and welcome Andrea to the role.

### Spring Term

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 your child attending only for the 11 weeks if you do not wish to pay for the extra week. Details will follow later in the term. If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Andrea Ware on 01725 514436

### Dates for your Diary!

Tuesday 30 September, 7.30pm, at the Memorial Hall. A repeat of our very successful **Pamper Evening!** Come along, enjoy a glass of wine, and try out some beauty treatments and complementary therapies.

Saturday 13 December, from 10.30 to 12.30, our **Christmas Bazaar** in the Memorial Hall. Lots of Christmas present ideas from

local stall-holders; plus refreshments for weary shoppers and children!

The children's **Nativity Play** will be on Tuesday 16 December at the Baptist Church, South Lane – please note, these details are to be confirmed.

### Term dates 2008-2009

Term 1: 8 Sept. - 24 Oct. 2008  
Term 2: 10 Nov. – 19 Dec. 2008  
Term 3: 5 Jan. – 13 Feb. 2009  
Term 4: 23 Feb. - 3 Apr. 2009  
Term 5: 20 Apr. – 22 May 2009 (tbc)  
Term 6: 1 Jun. – 24 Jul. 2009 (tbc)

### Web site

A reminder of our web site:  
**<http://www.downtonpreschool.co.uk/>**

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