

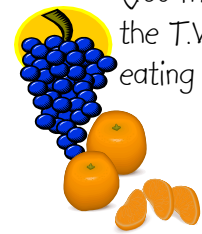


January 2010

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PARENTS

Welcome to all our 2 year olds who have moved up into the main sessions this term and to Alisha who is new to pre-school. In the 2 year old session we welcome Izaak and Ethan, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

We have started this term with a very open topic, there are some general themes including turn taking, numbers & shapes in the environment, mark making outside and body percussion. We will also be linking some activities with the Change 4 Life initiative



(you may have seen the adverts on the T.V.) and talking about healthy eating and exercise. As part of this we would love it if you could come in and do some cooking with your child. For details of times and activities please see the poster on the front door.

The children have already started putting on "shows" during the sessions and we will be building on this interest during role play and across the rest of the curriculum.

Can we remind you to supply the children with hats and gloves and warm outdoor clothing as we try to go outside as often as possible. Also whilst it's cold



could they wear a jumper or cardigan, the hall tends to be cooler than children are used to

at home.

To comply with our new policy can we ask you not to send any nuts in the children lunch boxes, this includes peanut butter, thank you.



During the cold weather we get through a lot of tissues wiping runny noses, we would be grateful if you could donate a box of tissues.

We would be really grateful if parents could make a special effort to drop off their children promptly at the start of the session. It can be very disruptive for the other children if the staff have to interrupt what they are doing to let in late comers. It is important to establish good habits early and before children start school, as once there, lateness is monitored by the Education Welfare Officer. Thank you.

Reminder

Could we take this opportunity to ask parents to consider the safety of the pre-school children, the primary school children and the residents by not driving and parking in Gravel Close. Thank you. The school have also asked parents to do this.



School Link

If you want to place an order with from the school link catalogue place return the form to pre-school by Friday 22nd January. Please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Ltd and put your name and address on the back.

Wiltshire Council Questionnaire

We're sorry to be asking you to fill out more forms. This latest one is concerning Children's Centres. As an incentive pre-school will get book vouchers if we return them all! Could we have all completed forms returned by Friday 22nd January. Thank you.

Christmas Fundraising

Thank you very much to everyone who made gingerbread, painted faces, helped out or brought in toys. The gingerbread and hot chocolate at the Partridge Fair made us over £200 and the Christmas Extravaganza over £100. This will cover the cost of the new trikes we bought in September and hopefully some new scooters too.



Fees

Invoice for this terms fees have been sent out, please settle these by Friday 15th January. If you have any queries or wish to discuss you payment please speak to Andrea



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or Antoinette, our Treasurer.

If you have yet to return the Wiltshire Council Nursery Grant Census please could you do so **as soon as possible**. All parent claiming the Nursery Grant must also sign the Headcount form during the week 15th to 21st January.

Don't forget you can pay your fees using the Government's Childcare Vouchers.



Tesco and Morrison Vouchers

We took delivery of a Nursery Rhyme Singing Sack, mark making tools and Beebot Maps bought with our Tesco voucher you collected, thank you very much.

We have ordered a trowel, fork and mini tub-trug with the Morrison's voucher that were collected.



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 3 - 4th January to 12th February 2010

Term 4 - 22nd February to 26th March 2010

Term 5 - 19th April to 28th May 2010

Term 6 - 7th June to 23rd July 2010



Committee

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th January (snow and ice permitting!) at 8pm at Debbie Quilter's house. We love to see some more faces, for directions email admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk or ask at pre-school.

