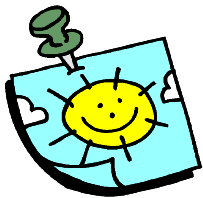


NEWSLETTER

May 2009



Next terms topics will be broadly based on summer. We will be looking at staying safe in the sun, doing lots of water play and thinking about

how to look after our planet by conserving water and learning to reduce, reuse and recycle.

A termly plan will be sent home in the book bags at the beginning of term.

We have organised a visit from Food Lab, they will be coming to pre-school on Monday 13th July and will be talking to the children about healthy eating and where food comes from. If your child does not normally attend on a Monday but you like them to see the Food Lab they can attend but we ask that you stay with them. We will need to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of **£2.00** to cover the cost of this visit.



Please can you send a spoon in your child's lunchbox if they bring a yogurt, we are happy to lend one if you forget but we now have only 4 left in our draw as they get taken home by mistake and don't seem to come back!

Similarly can you please return any clothes that are borrowed from pre-school as we are now short of girls socks again.



Now that the weather is getting hotter please can the children come with hats and sun cream

applied as necessary, and don't forget their water bottles. Thanks.

Fees

The cost of a 2 ½ hour session will increase from September 2009 to £7.50. The cost of the 2 to 3 year old session and lunch clubs will remain unchanged at £7.00 and £2.50 respectively.

The New Pre-school Committee

The Pre-school management committee held it AGM on Thursday 14th May. The following parents were elected:-

Chair – Debbie Quilter (mum of Lucy and Sophia)

secretary – Fran Webley (Erin)

Treasurer – Antionette Machin (Connie)

Fundraising – not filled

Publicity – not filled

Washing – Sarah Lamont (Milo)

You will see that there are 2 posts that were not

filled, if anyone would like to talk about taking on either role they could chat to Debbie Quilter.

We are a volunteer run pre-school and we really need the support of our parents, without which the pre-school will struggle to run at all as it is the parent committee that employ the staff, set term dates and determine fees and organises fundraising events.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 4th June at 8pm in The White Horse, we'd love to see you there and you really won't be asked to do anything you don't want to do. The more of us

there are the easier the job is to do!

Cuckoo Fair

Thank you everyone who came and supported us at the Cuckoo Fair and thanks to Ian Paget and Prichards Butchers for the donation for the Meat Raffle. We raised £181.00.

Sensory Adventure Garden

The garden at the primary school is now finished and is looking fantastic. The children will be able to start using it after the holiday and we are looking forward to making the most of the (hopefully) sunny weather.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped raise money or contributed items for the garden. There is just one more thing that we need...

The garden is to have a mosaic and tiles are needed to make it if you have any unwanted tiles at home, the brighter the better, even if only a few, could you bring them to pre-school.

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. At the moment we are recycling through the Tesco and the cartridges are turned into "Schools and Clubs" vouchers, when this ends we will find somewhere else to recycle them. There is a box in the porch in which you can deposit the empties.

Sponsored Walk and Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who returned sponsor money we raised £212.97, much more than we anticipated and this will allow us to sponsor Edwin in Bolivia for 11 months.



Cake Sale

Anne and Jenny are holding another cake sale on Friday 22nd May at pre-school before the start of the morning session.

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.

Tesco and Sainsburys

Our collections of vouchers are going really well. We have 3500 Tesco vouchers and 1200 Sainsburys. The collection boxes are still in the porch for the vouchers. We will keep you posted on what we eventually buy with your donations.



End of Term Family Picnic

Sunday 5th July at 12 noon.

We would like to invite you all to a Family Picnic in the Memorial Gardens. Come along with your picnic and we will

bring some outside games. If it is rainy we will try again on Sunday 12th July!



For Sale

We still have the following ink cartridges for sale. They are for a HP OfficeJet Printer they are:-

1 Black C8767EE/ No.339 - £9.00

and 1 Colour C8766EE /No.343 - £7.00

Or make us an offer!

Have a great holiday and we'll see you the week starting Monday 1st June.