

# NEWSLETTER

## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Another year is almost over and it has been a wonderful year for preschool. Many of our children graduated to primary school and we have welcomed many new children. We have also run various, successful fundraising events to ensure the running of the preschool is smooth. Thank you everyone for your support at these events.

## We have an URGENT appeal for volunteers...



### Do you want to improve the running of the pre-school?

If you answered 'Yes' to this question, the pre-school committee would like to hear from you.

The committee consists of **volunteers** who organise the fundraising events, employ the staff and maintain the building, as well as much more.

We urgently need additional fundraisers and general committee members.

There is some hard work involved, but it's all to the advantage of our children and we have fun in the process.

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to a member of staff at preschool.

**Remember, without a committee there will be no pre-school!**



## THANK YOU for your generosity!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and helped us to raise close to £400! We will let you know shortly how this money will be spent. And thanks to the children for their fantastic singing!

We collected 407 vouchers for the Morrisons Let's Grow Campaign - thank you to everyone who contributed vouchers - we have ordered a wheel barrow and some children's forks and spades!

On top of this, the recent cake sale raised £115 and the Halloween Disco raised £270 - thank you again.

**MATCHED FUNDING - MANY COMPANIES WILL MATCH EVERY PENNY RAISED BY CHARITIES - IF THE COMPANY THAT YOU WORK FOR RUN THIS SCHEME, PLEASE LET US KNOW - IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**

### Term dates 2012

#### Spring term

- ❖ Thur 5 Jan - Fri 10 Feb
- ❖ Half Term
- ❖ Mon 20 Feb - Fri 30 March

#### Summer term

- ❖ Mon 16 April - Fri 1 June
- ❖ Half-term
- ❖ Mon 11 June - Wed 18th July
- ❖ WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

December 2011

## Future events planned for 2012

We have more exciting plans for 2012 of which we will give you more details early next year - they will include;

- Curry Night for parents
- Easter Disco
- Summer Fair
- Sponsored Walk
- End of Term Disco
- A cake sale each term

WATCH THIS SPACE!

## Out with the old, in with the new...

You will have hopefully noticed our lovely new signage at the entrance to our preschool. Along with the new signs we also have a new logo. We will in due course be getting new uniforms bearing the new logo, but in the meantime, we have a limited amount of old stock which we will be selling off at a discounted rate - preschools very own January Sale!

Sweatshirts - £6.00

T-Shirts - £3.00

Hats - £3.00

To order, please contact Helen Mayes at [nigelmayes@aol.com](mailto:nigelmayes@aol.com) or drop a note in the committee post wallet.

## New ideas?

If you have any new ideas, or if you would like to get involved in fundraising for the pre-school, please speak to Katherine Kwaan, Amy Townsend or Helen Mayes.

## An update from Emma, our supervisor...

### Communication Friendly Spaces

We have identified that the sand tray is a 'cold spot' for playing, so we have brought the old outside water tray inside and turned it into a new sand tray. It is a hexagonal shape and allows for more children to stand and talk whilst playing.

### Key Workers Evening

Thank you all parents who came to the key workers evening. We hope that you found this an informative event. As always, you can speak to your child's key person at anytime throughout the year.

### Cold Weather

As the cold weather is starting to set in, please remember to provide your children with gloves, a scarf and a hat (labelled). Please also remember to put an ice pack in your child's lunchbox as these are still required in the winter.

### Donations

We are running very low on spare winter clothing - if you have anything that you could donate, it would be much appreciated! Please hand into the staff at preschool.

Also, as we are in the process of creating the 'communication friendly spaces', we would really appreciate any donations of natural material - so that we can cover the bean bags and cushions and make new curtains. Also, please let us have any wicker baskets that you no longer need!

### Rhyme Challenge

We are now near the completion of our Rhyme Challenge - with the last rhyme, there will be a quick feedback form for you to complete. We really value your thoughts and feelings and want to know if you think it is something that is worth taking part in next year. In January, we will be giving out the children's certificates.

### Children's diaries

Your child's diary will be given to you for the Christmas holidays. Please feel free to contribute to this and return it in January 2012.

And finally...

Please remember to send your child with a named bag containing a complete change of clothes.



All the committee and staff at preschool wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2012!