

# **Newsletter**

## **Term 1. 3/9/08-**

Welcome to term 1. I hope everyone has had a restful, pleasant summer holiday.

We would like to welcome Freya Hickman, Lily Olliffe, Joshua Ryan, George Cowley and their families who join us this term.

### **Topic**

This term our topic will be 'All about myself'. We will be looking at feelings, growing and preferences.

If you would like to become involved in the activities or another part of the topic, please speak to Jane or Karen.

If you have any queries, please speak to Jane or call Charlotte on -01993 841924.

You will see that your bill for this coming term is enclosed. The fees are due on 3<sup>rd</sup> September please.

### **Funding**

Funding is available for children who are 3 years old and over, if your child is eligible you will be asked to fill in a form and provide a copy of your child's birth certificate and I will do the rest. Please do your bit promptly, as we have to work to a deadline to ensure we are awarded the funding.

### **Fees**

Please ensure you pay your child's fees promptly, late fees have a huge impact on Pre-school's cash flow.

### **Forest School**

We will be continuing with Forest School again this year. Thursday will continue be our Forest School day from the start of September. We have started to compile a waiting list for children who would like to attend but are either too young (2 and a half age limit) or not yet dry. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list please speak to Jane. Any other queries regarding Forest School, please speak to Karen.

Also see the Forest School Newsletter for updates and news.

### **Summer Fete**

We are going to be holding our Summer Fete on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

September. It will be at Clanfield Primary School. We hope it will be a wonderful event with lots of traditional fete attractions. Please help out wherever you can.... On the day, raffle prizes, organising, advertising... the list can go on. To hold such an event can be great fun and not too much hard work- but this can only be achieved if there are lots of enthusiastic helpers. Please put this date in your diary!

See the notice boards in pre-school for news and jobs.

### **Forthcoming events**

We have planned the fete in September, and other event over the next few months. To enable us to hold these events we need help and support. If you would like to help with events or would be interested in joining our committee, please do

Speak to Jane, Karen or a committee member. These events are necessary to raise needed funds to support the pre-school.

### **Lunch boxes**

To enable us to fit all of the children's lunches in the fridge, please pack your child's lunch in a small box, labelled clearly with their name. Crisps and other items that do not need refrigeration can be left in his/her basket. Please also consider the content of the lunch boxes- avoiding things like nuts.

### **Parent Helper Rota**

Each term the parents are given the opportunity to spend a session with the children in pre-school. Please find enclosed guidance notes. If your child is new to pre-school, we give them a term to settle before we invite you to do your parent helper session.

Any queries, please speak to Jane or Karen.

### **Key Person**

In pre-school your child has 2 key people (formerly key worker). These key workers spend extra time getting to know your child and do observations on their play and development in order for us to plan activities that they would enjoy and learn from. The details of your child's key people will be available at the start of term. Any queries please speak to Jane.

## **FOR THE START OF TERM.**

### **Dates for your diary**

Start of term	3/9/08
Committee meeting	11/9/08
Fete	14/9/08
Bags 2 School	22/9/08
End of term	24/10/08
12.15 finish	
Start of term 2	3/11/08

### **Committee**

We are a voluntary setting and as such have a committee to help make decisions, raise funds, organise extras etc. New members are always welcome. If you could spare some time and would like to be involved in your child's pre-school, please speak to a committee member, Karen or Jane.

### **Bags 2 School**

Please save any old clothes, curtains etc for us this month. Details to follow.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**