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## **Newsletter- Term 2** **3/12/08- 19/12/08**

Welcome back after the short half term break, I hope everyone is rested and ready for the busy term that leads up to Christmas. I always think that this term is the most exciting, with its festivities and anticipation.

This term we would like to welcome Evelyn McHale and her family, we hope they enjoy their time with Clanfield Pre-school.

### **Parent Rota**

Please take a look at the attached rota and covering note. You can of course, come in for other sessions in addition to the one on the rota. Some of you take a great deal of interest in how things run and are always pleased to get more involved. Your help is always welcome and appreciated. Don't forget... Dads and Grandparents are welcome too, it's not just Mums!

### **Show & Tell**

We will be doing show and tell this term, please take a look at the attached list of dates to see when it is your child's turn. We will be continuing with our 'All about us' book, this will be on display again soon.

### **Webb Ivory**

The Webb Ivory catalogues are now in circulation- the order dates are 21<sup>st</sup> November & 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please hand your orders to a member of staff in an envelope with payment included. If you are ordering personalised items please place the order for the 21<sup>st</sup> November to ensure delivery before we break for Christmas. Thanks.

### **Photographer**

Our photographer will be in preschool during the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November. He will ensure that he captures all of the children in individual shots, he will do a group shot each day that he comes and he is happy to do sibling shots if you would like to arrange to bring them in. Please let Jane or Karen know if you plan to do

this to ensure he is aware of your wishes. The images will be available for you to choose from the following week.

### **AGM**

Our committee AGM is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Primary School. Everyone is very welcome to attend. We will be appointing members for the coming year. If you feel you could contribute to the pre-school committee you would be very welcome indeed.

### **Barefoot Books Craft Day**

We have arranged a craft day with the 'Barefoot Storyteller'. This will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at pre-school.

This event includes craft activities, refreshments, storytelling and book sale. It is aimed at under 10's, siblings are welcome. The time of this event is to be confirmed. Please keep an eye out for posters and notices on the door.

Also, we would appreciate it a great deal if you would donate a cake or two for us to sell on the refreshments table, paper plates will be in the baskets during the week prior to the event. Thanks!

### **Christmas**

Well, soon 'be the season to be silly!!'

We have some lovely Christmassy things planned for the coming weeks. We will be making decorations and many other things. Our topic this term is 'Colour and shape' which encompasses Christmas beautifully.

### **Post Box**

Each year we put out a Christmas post box for the children to 'send' Christmas cards to each other.

The post box will be in pre-school from the 8<sup>th</sup> December. We will empty it daily and put the cards in the children's baskets to take home.

### **Nativity Play**

The nativity play will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am. All family and friends are welcome to come and watch the performance. The performance will include all of the children- if your child does not normally attend on Tuesdays, please complete the attached slip to let us know if your child will be able to attend. This will enable us to cast the children and plan numbers.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies on sale after the performance.

### **Christmas Children's Raffle**

We will be holding a raffle directly after the nativity, we would like this to be a children's raffle. We have a few really nice prizes for the raffle already but would like more please. The box for raffle prize donations will be in the entrance hall from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November. I would like to thank you for your generosity now. We are very lucky with the parents that we have at pre-school - your support is fantastic!!

Tickets for the raffle will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Calendars**

The calendars that the children drew pictures for last year

were such a success that we plan to do them again this year. We will be taking pre-orders for these from the start of term- please speak to Jane or Karen if you would like to order any.

They will be on sale at £2.50 each.

### **Recipe Book**

This idea did not really take off this time! We had less than 10 recipes donated which does not make a book, so we have decided to shelve the book until Easter. We have kept the recipes that were donated to include when we try again.

### **End of term party**

We will hold the end of term Christmas party on the last day of term - 19<sup>th</sup> December. All of the children are welcome- if your child does not normally attend on Fridays please complete the attached slip and return with £5.50. Also if your child normally DOES attend on Fridays but will not be attending the party please fill in the slip and return.

We ask parents to provide food for the party- a list will go up in good time. We have a hairy-faced bloke with a sledge hoping to pop in- we provide the gifts from him.

We would like to send out a telephone tree with all of your phone numbers on to the pre-school parents, to enable you to contact each other. Please sign below to give us permission to do so.

I give permission for my telephone number to go onto the telephone tree for other parents at pre-school.

Signed.....  
Name.....

### **BINGO**

We had planned a bingo night in November, the date clashed with the barefoot storyteller though so it has been cancelled. A new date is being arranged at the moment- watch this space!!!

### **Library**

Our pre-school library is now up and running. Please speak to Jane or Karen with any queries.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Start of term 2 3/11/08  
Photographer 17-21/11/08  
Webb Ivory orders 21/11/08  
AGM 20/11/08  
Raffle box out 24/11/08  
Barefoot Storyteller craft day-  
29/11/08  
Webb Ivory orders 5/12/08  
Pre-school post box 8/12/08  
Nativity play 9/12/08 @  
9.45am  
Primary school play 11/12/08  
Primary school panto 17/12/08  
End of term party 19/12/08-  
finish at 11.15am  
Start of term 3 - 6/1/09

And Finally.....



My child ..... will/will not be able to participate in the nativity play on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed.....  
Please respond even if your child attends Tuesdays normally.

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My child ..... will/will not be attending the end of term Christmas party.  
I enclose my £5.50 for this session/my child usually attends on Friday morning.  
Delete as appropriate.

Signed.....

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I would like to receive newsletters/ bills/updates via e-mail  
Delete as appropriate.

Signed.....  
Name.....

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I can help with serving mince pies and mulled wine at the nativity play on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed.....  
Name.....

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I would like to help with the craft activities on the 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Barefoot story craft day.

Signed.....  
Name.....