



# NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

After an erratic snowy start to the year, it has been nice to get back to normal. Who knows how long it may last! In the event of further snow, our policy is to be closed if the school is closed, but we hope to be able to keep you updated on our website [www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk). Don't forget to check the website out for photos of the new building! It's coming along really well!

Our most recent event, the annual Christmas Bazaar seemed quieter than usual but with your support the event raised just over £800 for pre-school funds. Thank you for supporting the event.

### **Fundraising – WHY?**

We sometimes get asked why fundraising is still important to us, especially as the money for the new building has been raised already. Let me try to explain....

#### **We are a charity**

Pre-school is a not-for-profit charity and every year we prepare a budget of overall costs to be able to run pre-school and the anticipated income available.

#### **Income vs. expenditure**

This year we have budgeted £55,000 for the running of pre-school.

This covers rents, rates, wages, insurances, services, toys and outings, snacks, training etc.

Our income from fees / gov funding is £46,500

#### **Shortfall....**

We have to raise the shortfall from other sources, which is why we organise several fundraising events throughout the year, and seek donations etc.

Fundraising is *really, really* important and the lifeline for pre-school – without it we *could not* continue to function.

So please, please take the time to read our forthcoming events calendar and support pre-school by coming along to our events. We try to make all of our events as fun and interesting as we can!

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Race Night, 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm, AMH**

New to Middle Barton! This promises to be a unique and jovial evening of races with a little bit of betting on the side and cash prizes for winners. Tickets only £2 per person, to cover overheads. A licensed bar will be available serving nibbles, beer, wine and soft drinks. Please support this new event and bring a friend! Tickets will be available from pre-school after half-term.

### **Quiz Night, 24 April, from 7.30pm, AMH**

Rob Harries-Harris is surely earning himself a reputation as one of the best quiz-masters in Oxfordshire. Our Quiz in November proved to be so entertaining that we are back by popular demand. Create or join a team of 4-6 and let your wits and general knowledge be tested. Tickets £5 to include nibbles and ploughmans. Licensed bar will be available on the night. Tickets will be available from pre-school nearer the time – but please put it in your diary now!

### **May Day Fete, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 12-2pm, S&SC**

Our main fundraiser of the year!

Be prepared! An important entry for your diary!

The pre-school children will be opening the fete again this year with their own version of May Pole Dancing. We can promise you an afternoon of family entertainment including BBQ, ice-creams, teas, cake stall, tombolas, quizzes, tractor rides, bouncy castles, games, craft, face-painting and live music. Make sure you include the annual Pre-school May Day Fete in your Bank Holiday weekend and pray for lovely sunny weather. Further details will follow before too long.

### **100 Club**

This is another important fundraiser for pre-school and for those of you new to pre-school and without numbers, rest assured that it is not too late to get one! There are still plenty of chances to win the coveted 4 x £10 monthly prize – numbers now on sale at a discounted rate. If you would like your very own 100 Club number, please speak to a member of staff or Annie on 340745.

### **Yellow Moon**

For your everyday crafty requirements, [Yellow Moon](#) is very comprehensive. Every order helps to raise a commission for pre-school but please remember to put down the order code for Middle Barton Pre-school **SMI10505**.



### **New Building Update**

We are aiming to start the Summer Term in our new building!

Building work is progressing well and we hope to be able to prepare the building for occupation during the Easter holidays and host an Open Day for everyone to come and take a look. Watch this space!

We will be making an appeal for help once again, as we are desperate for people to help us prepare shelves, prepare the garden, move etc. This is really important as staff and committee are simply not able to do everything themselves.

Your thoughts and opinions matter to us. Therefore, if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please speak to any committee member, staff or email [middlebartonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:middlebartonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk).

Once again, thank you for your continued support of pre-school.

*Kim, Pre-school Committee*

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