



# COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

## July 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term has now nearly come to an end and July sees eight children leaving Pre-school for big school in September. We wish them all the very best.

### **AGM**

There was a very good turn out for the AGM which took place on 17 June. As well as the election of a new committee, contact details below, there was an interesting opportunity for parents to learn more about how the early years' curriculum is delivered through play at pre-school.

In addition, following advice from Oxfordshire County Council and in order to reduce the approximately £7000 shortfall in running costs which has to be met each year by vigorous fundraising efforts, a decision was made at the AGM to increase fees to £3.55 per hour with effect from September. This will bring fees in line with government funding and is seen as the minimum charge to ensure pre-school's long term sustainability, while keeping fees very competitive with other local pre-schools and nurseries. Also, since moving into the new building which is significantly larger than the previous one, Pre-school has been re-registered for up to 30 children per session. As a result, we will be running some advertisements to raise awareness of Pre-school in the local area and, from September, accepting children from the age of two, with a view to ensuring long term sustainability and as part of the increased flexibility at Pre-school. Additional hours, whether regular or ad hoc, also continue to be available.

### **Gardener**

Since no one has volunteered to maintain the garden at Pre-school, a decision was taken to trial a roster system with committee members and any willing parents. The garden needs to be weeded and the lawn mown once a week (a Flymo is available at Pre-school), with the hedge needing a trim a few times a year, while Pre-school will continue to manage the pots and the raised beds themselves. If you would be willing to help out perhaps once a term, please let Linda or Laura Jobe know. Many thanks.

### **Events/Fundraising**

I am pleased to report that the popular Festival of Music raised a fantastic £1,100, with the excellent Cinderella Rockerfella raising £270 for Pre-school. Many thanks to all those involved.

The end of term disco will take place at pre-school on Friday 23 July from 6–7pm. Tickets, which include cakes and a drink, are £2.50 and are available from Pre-school and the Events team. This will be a fun event for the children at Pre-school, as well as siblings and other little ones not yet at Pre-school.

As a reminder, the Autumn term begins on Monday 6 September when we look forward to hearing everyone's summer news as well as welcoming some new faces. Until then best wishes for a good summer break.

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