



COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of another busy term with the Easter holidays just around the corner. The last day of term is Friday 8th April and the first day of next term is 27th April, closely followed by the bank holiday for the Royal Wedding on 29th April and the early May bank holiday on 2nd May.

AGM

Pre-School is a charity run by its members. You, as parents/guardians of pre-School children, are the members, and each year we elect a committee to help run the pre-School on our behalf. This year the pre-school AGM is due to take place during May and we will be looking for volunteers either to join the committee or to support our busy Events team. This does not have to be an enormous commitment. If you may be interested in helping and you would like to know more, then please speak to Catherine (tel: 347631, email: catherine.gebbels@lineone.net) or any of the current committee.

Footsteps programme

The pre-school has been invited by Oxfordshire County Council to take part in their Footsteps programme which aims to increase children's traffic awareness and reduce the risk of them becoming involved in road traffic accidents. If we wish to offer this programme to the children we would need a few parent helpers. If you are interested in helping or finding out more (with no commitment at this stage), please speak to Linda at pre-school or Catherine (tel: 347631, email: catherine.gebbels@lineone.net).

Events/Fundraising

The children had a lot of fun with their **sponsored welly throw**, which raised a whopping £548! Well done to all of them and thank you to those who helped the children collect their sponsor money.

The recent **Spring Fling** was a very welcome addition to the Middle Barton social calendar, and proved to be a lively and fun evening raising nearly £200 for the pre-school.

A selection of great value books from **The Book People** and cards from **Phoenix Cards** continue to be displayed at pre-school, both of which support the pre-school. Thank you to everyone who has bought books or cards. You may not be aware that Phoenix Cards will also to make a contribution to the pre-school for cards you buy direct as long as you write Middle Barton Pre-School on the order form.

Some dates for your diary:

Easter Disco, 8 March, 6 – 7.30pm, Pre-School

The children's events always prove to be very popular and with the Easter bunny in attendance, face painting, cakes and treats the Easter Disco should be a fun social evening for the pre-school children, their siblings and friends, as well as parents/guardians. Tickets cost £2.50 per child and are available from pre-school; adults and under 1s are free.

May Day Fete, 2nd May, 12-2pm, S&SC

This is our main fundraiser of the year and loved by the children!

The pre-school children will be opening the fete again this year with their Maypole dancing. There will be an afternoon of family entertainment including BBQ, teas, cake stall, tombolas, tractor rides, bouncy castle and (emergencies permitting) a visit from the Fire Brigade.

Once again, we will be looking for contributions towards tombolas and hampers this year, so if you have any bottles (from cola to wine, jam to bubble bath), adult or children's tombola items then please place them in the boxes in the foyer at pre-school. There are lists on the notice board for contributions towards the children and adult hampers and to help on the day. We would also appreciate it if you would fill the two cups your child has been given with children's goodies for our mystery cup stall and return them to pre-school (before Easter if possible) and bring a contribution of homemade (or bought) cake on the day for refreshments or for sale at the cake stall.

Make sure you include the annual Pre-school May Day Fete in your Bank Holiday weekend and pray for lovely sunny weather.

Quiz Night, 18th June, AMH

If you have not yet been to a pre-school evening event before, this is a great one to try. We appreciate babysitting can be a problem when you have little ones, so you might like to consider awarding yourself a night out with the girls or send the lads to have fun in a lively atmosphere. A licensed bar will be available on the night.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter!

Catherine

Pre-school Committee

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