



COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

May 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy term at Pre-School with the Royal Wedding, lots of outdoor playtime due to the fantastic weather, learning about life cycles with seeds and caterpillars (or should I say butterflies?) and planning the move to Primary school for some of the older children. A big thank you to Perry Knight for building the play tunnel which has proved very popular with the children (and staff!). You may also have noticed that we have had some work done to re-level and re-turf the grassy play area over the Easter holidays which has made this area much more pleasant for the children.

May Day Fete

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to and supported the May Day fete in so many ways. We were very lucky with the weather and got off to a great start with the pre-school children demonstrating their version of Maypole dancing, which they had been practising very hard. As well as having a great time, we also raised over £1,650 to support the Pre-school - a fantastic outcome. Thank you!

AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 25th May at Pre-school when we will be electing the new committee. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in being involved on the committee, and to those who attended the recent meeting about what this entails. Many of the current committee will be staying on next year but there are several vacant roles: the Membership Secretary, Busy Bees Co-ordinator and the Events Co-ordinator / Events team. It is not too late to express an interest. If you would like more information then please speak to Catherine (tel: 347631, email: catherine.gebbels@lineone.net) or any of the current committee. Being on the committee is a great way to have your say in how the Pre-school is run, to get involved and to make new friends.

We also have a guest speaker, Jenny Monk, who will be talking about Early Reading Skills and Mark Making. She has spoken previously at the Pre-school and has been invited back by popular request. You will find the talk entertaining, interesting and very informative. All are welcome at the AGM and there will be drinks and nibbles.

Starting School

A number of children will be moving to Primary school in September, with some of the younger ones staying on until January. The staff have done a great job in helping to guide and support parents through this emotive decision making process! Parents of children who will be five in the next academic year should now have notified the school if you wish to accept the place (deadline 20th May). You now have until **10th June** to confirm to Pre-school whether you would like your child will go up in September or stay on at Pre-school until the end of the Christmas term, then the staff will confirm the final lists for both September and January starts to the school.

Don't forget the open days at school 1.30 – 2.30pm on Tuesday 24th and Friday 27th May and the meeting with Mrs Barnes and Miss Steptoe at 2pm on Tuesday 7th June in the school hall.

Dates for your diary

Ian Taylor Photography will be coming to pre-school on **Monday 23rd** and **Tuesday 24th May** to take photos of the children at play. If you would like younger siblings to attend, please speak to Linda to make suitable arrangements.

Quiz Night, 18th June, AMH, 7.30pm As always, this is sure to be a good night. Why not get a team together and enjoy a girls' or lads' night out? Or if you haven't got a team, we'll help you find one on the night! Tickets are £5 and include a ploughman's supper. There will also be a licensed bar. The quiz starts at 8pm.

Term ends – 27th May

Term restarts – 7th June

End of the summer term – 22nd July

Let's hope for some more lovely weather for the bank holiday and half term break!

Catherine

Pre-school Committee

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