



COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

July 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just two more weeks until the end of the school year and a few last messages before we break up:

AGM

The AGM took place at the end of May and several new members were elected to the committee – welcome and thank you to Laura, Amanda and Fran (please see the full list below and in the lobby at pre-school). A number of other parents who did not wish to be on the committee have agreed to help with publicity and refreshments among other things. If you would like to support without the commitment of being on the committee, it is never too late to volunteer, please speak to someone on the committee.

A big thank you also to Jenny Monk who kindly gave up her evening to give a very enjoyable talk about early reading and writing skills.

Places for Next Year

With 17 children moving up to school next year, a number of places will now become available for children currently on the waiting list or hoping to increase their hours. If you have not already done so, please speak to Linda or Fran to request your preferred sessions or to swap days.

Pre-school has been accepting 2 year olds (places permitting) for a year now. In general this has worked very well (in fact better than some had expected!) and both the younger and older children have benefited from the greater mix of age groups in a number of ways. However, based on the experience of this year, it has been decided to limit places for 2 to 3 year olds to mornings from September so that full range of toys and resources can be made available to the older children in the afternoons, including those which are unsuitable or unsafe for the younger children. This will also make it easier for the staff to have more focused time with the older children in the afternoons. If you have any questions about this, please speak to the staff at pre-school.

Fees from September will be £3.70 per hour in line with government funding.

Dates for your diary

Pre-School Prom, 22nd July, Pre-School, 6.00 – 7.30pm

The end of term event of the year! Children's tickets are £2.50 in advance or £3.00 on the door, available from Pre-school; refreshments for children are included. Adults and under 1s are free; drinks will be available.

Term ends – Friday 22nd July

New term begins – Wednesday 7th September

Enjoy the summer!

Catherine

Pre-school Committee

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