

Newsletter

July 2009



Registered Charity No. 1027293

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot quite believe where the past school year has gone. It literally only feels like yesterday that we were settling children into pre-school plus and our very young children into pre-school. Now we are preparing to wave good-bye to our plus children as they move on to 'big school' and move children in to pre-school plus.

It is a time of year when we must thank our parents for supporting us during the past year and to thank the committee and fund raising team for the extra work they put in to help with making this pre-school so successful.

Last but not least a huge thank you goes to all the loyal staff who work very hard planning for sessions and adjusting to the Early Years Foundation Stage and in particular the Learning Journals. From September I will no longer teach in the pre-school plus group. My role as Manager is a demanding one and being a key person to a class of children and managing a pre-school as large and as successful as ours has become unmanageable. I will miss not having a group to teach but will have more time to support and train staff, to be available for parents at any time and I will be able to spend short periods of time in more of the sessions getting to know more of the children. Lesley Newcombe will take over from me in the plus sessions.

The Staff Team

Manager/ Child Protection/Behaviour Management - Heather Clarke

Deputy/Health and Safety Officer – Rita Attwell

Supervisor – Wendy Lewis

Inclusion Officer – Lesley Newcombe

Assistants – Caraline Moore, Sarah Guile, Alison Denton-Brown, Lisa Taylor, Sarah Naylor, Vicki Whiting, Maria Woods, Karen Ward and Judith Michell

Bank Staff – Penny Woolford, Kirsten Turner, Sally Ross and Teresa Parsons

Trustees of Southwater Village Hall Pre-School

Chairman – Kate Hall Telephone: 734939

Treasurer – Sarah Ediss Telephone: 731668

Secretary – Lesley Smith Telephone: 732164

We are still in need of both committee members and a fund raising team.

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2009

September 7th – December 11th (half term 26th -30th October)

Christmas Party will be Monday 14th December

SPRING TERM 2010

January 4th – 1st April (half term 15th -19th February)

Fees

Fees for the Autumn Term are due by the end of the second week of term. If your fees are not paid by Friday 18th September you will risk losing your child's place. If you wish to pay weekly you will have to put this request in writing to the committee. Fees must always be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front and clearly stating fees. Do not address to Heather Clarke.

Dr Barnado's Big Toddle

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported this very worth while charity. With monies still coming in we are well on target for the £600 we collected last year. Money can be accepted until Friday. The children had lots of fun looking for Todd' as they walked around the field. He was hidden in the grass, the play park and dangled from fences and trees.

Dad's Week

Thank you to all the dads who came in to see us during dad's week. We hope you enjoyed sharing the experience with your child – it was great to have you here.

Parent Evening

Thank you to all parents who came to see key persons. We hope you found the chat informative. We apologise to parents who may have had to wait to see staff.

Reports and or Activity Books

This week you will receive your child's activity book/s. These are for you to keep. Children going into pre-school plus will receive a moving on report. Learning Journals will be sent into schools for all children starting school in September. The schools will then return the journals to you when they are finished with them.

Themes

The Theme for the term will be 'All about me'.

Week beginning;

7th September My Favourite Toy

14th September My Favourite Book

21st September My Family and Friends

28th September My Home

5th October My Favourite Foods

12th October Things That Interest Me

19th October My Pets

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Preschool plus parents can you please take the time to complete the questionnaire and return at the Leaver's Party? All other questionnaires can be returned either later this week or returned after the summer. Thank You.

Childminder Wanted

A parent new to our pre-school is looking for a childminder for her 2 year old son. If you have vacancies please contact Lisa Welling on 01403 738315. Thank You

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very safe and happy summer holiday. Good luck and best wishes to all the children at 'big school'. We know you will enjoy your new schools and will have happy times there. Don't forget us too soon!

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