

Newsletter

March 2009



Registered Charity No. 1027293

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Bank Staff – Penny Woolford and Kirsten Turner

Trustees of Southwater Village Hall Pre-School

Chairman – Kate Hall Telephone: 734939

Treasurer – Sarah Ediss Telephone: 731668

Secretary – Lesley Smith Telephone: 732164

Term Dates

Summer Term 2009

Monday 20th April – Friday 17th July
(HALF TERM 25th May – 29th May)

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)

Illness - Reminder

Please inform us when your child is absent through illness. If your child goes down with chicken pox please notify pre-school **immediately** as a child attending pre-school at present could become very ill if they come into contact with an infectious child and do not receive medical attention within 72 hours. Please make sure that we are able to contact you should your child be taken ill at pre-school. If any of your contact details, especially mobile numbers have changed then you must inform us immediately.

Themes

Week Beginning:

20th April – My Favourite Book/Story

27th April – Nursery Rhymes

5th May – I like to cook

11th May – The Library

18th May – Numbers are Fun!

Parking - Reminder

As you are aware we are a very busy preschool with lots of cars and children about at drop off and collection times. Children and cars do not mix. Please **DO NOT** Park in the road along the whole of the entrance to the preschool car park or in the car park. This area must be kept clear so that there is a clear view to cross the road. Parents/Carers **must not** remove bollards to gain access to the car park.

Please use the overflow car park opposite the cricket club. It may take a few extra minutes to secure siblings in buggies and to walk down from the car park but you do not want to be responsible for a serious accident to a child?

Parent/Carer Helpers

You are always welcome at preschool but please make sure that your child is settled and confident within preschool before you come into help.

Clothing - Reminder

Please hang all coats and bags on a peg. Do not leave them on the stage. Please, please make sure that all coats, **bags**, gloves and hats are clearly named. If your child wears boots to preschool they must bring either a pair of shoes or plimsolls to change in to.

Change of Clothing

If your child has been changed into any pre-school clothing can we please have the clothing back? Our supplies are running low.

Children's Parties

The village hall may be the ideal venue for your child's birthday party. No mess in your home. For further details on hiring the hall please telephone 07757 285634.

Snacks

Thank you to parents that send in fruit. Can we please ask that all parents send in either, fruit, breadsticks or raisins? Please make sure you send fruit that your child will eat. Recently we have been left with lots of oranges because the children are saying that they do not eat oranges. Thank you for your continued support in providing snacks for your children.

Wanted

- Anything the children can take the back off and explore the workings
- Used stamps/envelopes
- Old spectacles with the lenses removed

Vouchers

The collection boxes for the Sainsbury's and Tesco Vouchers are available in the main entrance. We also collect Box Top tokens that can be found on Nestle cereal boxes.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box regularly.

E-mail

administrator@southwaterpreschool.org

Web site address – have you checked out the Web site lately? We would like to hear your views about the web site.

www.southwaterpreschool.org

Child Minder Wanted – contact Francesca Everett 01403 731579

Fundraising – Please help us to raise funds by encouraging your child to have fun decorating the Easter egg we have sent home. Thank you to the fund raising team for organising this for us.

Activity Books – Once again the activity books will be coming home for you to enjoy over the holiday. If you would like to speak to your child's key person about the activity book they will be more than pleased to do so.

Fees – Your invoices for the Summer Term will be coming home this week. Please check that the number of sessions that your child attends is correct. Please report any errors on the invoices to Heather Clarke. Fees must be paid in full by the end of the second week of term. If you wish to pay weekly you must put this in writing unless you have already done so.

Our standard ½ hourly rate will be reduced from the Summer Term to £2.55 with the discounted rate remaining at £11.50 for those paying the full three hour session. (Not eligible for free entitlement) Do you know that you can pay for your child's fees with childcare vouchers? These have both tax and national insurance advantages.

Wishing You and Your Families a Very Happy Easter

Heather Clarke

Pre-School Manager

On behalf of the staff and committee



Telephone: (01403) 733 954 (during session times)