

Newsletter

May 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

Julie Palmer will be leaving on May 22nd. Julie has been with us for almost eight years and we wish her lots of luck for the future. If Julie is your child's key person another staff member will take over from Julie and you will be notified in due course.

Julia Williams will be leaving at the end of term. Julia has been with us for five and a half years but has decided she now needs a change. We also wish Julia lots of luck and thank them both for their hard work at our outstanding Pre-School.

Trustees of Southwater Village Hall Pre-School

Chairman – Kate Hall Telephone: 734939

Treasurer – Sarah Ediss Telephone: 731668

Secretary – Lesley Smith Telephone: 732164

The end of the current academic year is fast approaching, which means some of our current committee will be stepping down as their children are leaving to start school. Without a committee, Pre-School would have to close. We are fortunate that the main officers are willing to stand again, but we will need more members and we will also need a Fundraising team. At the end of this newsletter, you will find a slip to return if you are interested in either joining the committee or the Fundraising team.

Dates for your Diary

- The very popular 'Dad's Week' will take place from **Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June**. All dads, uncles and granddads are invited to spend a session or part of a session with their child/grandchild/niece or nephew. Come along and join in the fun and find out what the children get up to. Photographs of previous dad's weeks can be found in Pre-School. Please speak to a member of staff to book your place.
- Tim Rouse our popular black and white photographer will be here on **Monday 16th June**. Appointments can be made if your child does not attend sessions on that day. Siblings are very welcome. These photographs are taken very informally as the children play and make excellent pictures.
- During the week beginning **Monday 22nd June – Friday 26th June** we will be celebrating our **35th Birthday**. Also during this week we will be doing our **Sponsored Toddle** around the cricket field in aid of Dr Barnados. Details of both these events will follow after half term.
- **Tuesday 7th July** Mr Hedges the reception teacher from Castlewood School will be coming to visit all our children that will be starting at Castlewood School in September. Further details will be sent to parents of these children.
- **Saturday 27th June – Southwater Schools Fete** (please see Fundraising)
- **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)

Fundraising – Thank you to everyone who supported the Egg Decorating fundraiser. There were many fantastic entries and certainly not easy to judge. However there were four overall winners. They were Arabella Payne and Bertie Clarke for the 3's and under and Eleanor Ediss and Max Fitzsimmons for the over 3's. Congratulations to all of you. The eggs are now displayed at pre-school.
On Saturday 27th June we will be having a stall at the Southwater Schools fete. As we are celebrating our 35th birthday we would like to make it extra special. Similar to last year we will be holding a craft activity in the tent' and we also like to offer face painting. The theme this year is 'Down on the Farm'. This is where we need some help. Does any parent/carer know of anyone who would be happy to offer their services as our face painter/s for the day? The time will be 12.30pm – 4.30pm. The event is primarily to raise the profile of our Pre-School, but also to raise funds for new resources. Many thanks
Lisa Condell (Fundraising team)

Illness - Reminder

Please inform us when your child is absent through illness. If your child goes down with chicken pox please notify us **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 - Southwater

Week Beginning:

1st June – Windmills

8th June – The Country Park

15th June – Dinosaurs

22nd June – The Village Shops

29th June – The Church

6th July – Village Sports

13th July – The Schools

Parking

Just before Easter a child almost got run over outside Pre-School at collection time. This was due to a parent parking so that parents could not see to cross the road using the path. Children and cars do not mix. **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? Pre-school Committee and Pre-School staff cannot be held responsible for any accidents occurring outside of Pre-School, but will ask you to move if you are seen parking in restricted areas.

Parent/Carer Helpers

Calling all mums. Where are you all? We would very much like to see more of you coming into sessions. Helping in sessions can be very rewarding and beneficial. You can also use this time to chat with your Key Person and find out how your child is enjoying Pre-School. Please speak to staff if you would like to come in and help.

Foot Wear

The warmer weather is approaching. This is a reminder that all children have to wear fully enclosed shoes. Flip flops, jelly shoes and crocs are not permitted in Pre-School. If your child wears this type of shoe, you must bring plimsolls for them to change into.

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

Website address – have you checked out our website lately? We would like to hear your views on it.

www.southwaterpreschool.org

Parent Questionnaires

Our annual parent questionnaires will be sent out after half term.

Heather Clarke

Pre-School Manager

On behalf of the staff and committee

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

PRE-SCHOOL COMMITTEE/FUNDRAISING TEAM

I am interested in joining the Pre-School committee and would like further information.

Signed:

Childs Name:

Print Name:

Sorry I cannot join the Pre-School committee but I would like to help the Fundraising team.

Signed:

Childs Name:

Print Name: