

# FUNTIME NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the Pre-school Annual General Meeting in June, I took over from Mel Leith as Committee Chair, which is a voluntary post. The Pre-school is a registered charity and voluntary run group run by a Parent Committee.

I have two daughters, Kiera who attends pre-school twice a week and Erin who is just nineteen weeks old, so she's a few years from joining! I am honoured to be part of Kiera's education and I hope that we as a committee can continue to help the Pre-school go from strength to strength.

As a parent, I would like to offer my heart felt thanks to the outgoing committee. They have all worked extremely hard, much of which, I now realise, is carried out behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs like clockwork and we now have a huge task ahead to follow in their footsteps. This year, we are privileged to have two of last year's committee staying on.

We are still looking for someone to fill the Health and Safety role and really need more fundraising volunteers. So if you would like to know more about volunteering, please do come and speak to me or any of the committee. Alternatively, you can leave a note in any of our pigeon holes and we will contact you.

Finally, I'd like to say goodbye and good luck to all our children who are leaving to go to big school in September.

**Jo Walsh**  
**Committee Chair**

## OFSTED

On 2nd and 3rd July, Pre-school was inspected by OFSTED.

We are pleased to announce that we have retained our 'Good' grading and the full report will be available to view on the OFSTED website in the next few weeks. It will also be available to view on the pre-school website from September.  
[www.funtimepreschool.org](http://www.funtimepreschool.org)

## PARENT SURVEY

The Parent Survey will be available to view on the website from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. If you don't have access to the internet and would prefer a paper copy, please contact Sue Chapman

*If you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to speak with any member of the Staff or Committee or put a note in the red fees box at any time. A list of staff members and current committee members is on the second page of this newsletter*

<b>STAFF MEMBERS</b>	
Angie O'Driscoll	- Supervisor
Frances Magnus	- Senior Early Years Practitioner
Karen Halbauer	- Senior Early Years Practitioner
Rebecca Bate	- Early Years Practitioner
Chloe Channon	- Early Years Practitioner
Caroline Moseley	- Early Years Practitioner
Sue Chapman	- Administrator
<b>PRE-SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	
The following people were elected on to the Pre-school Committee at the AGM held on Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2009:	
Chair & Company Director:	- Joanne Walsh
Vice Chair:	- Mel Leith
Treasurer & Company Director:	- Kate Johns
Vice Treasurer:	- Sally Moulding
Company Secretary and Director:	- Juliet Cheriton-Gerard
Health & Safety Officer	- Vacant
Communications Secretary	- Jennifer Rainbird
<b>VOLUNTEERS FOR FUNDRAISING</b>	
Sarah Wright	
Natalie Cross	

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Marisa Reynolds who will be taking over the role of Pre-school Administrator from Sue Chapman in September 2009.

Marisa is no stranger to Pre-school as she only resigned from the committee in 2008, after being Company Secretary for 4 years!

We wish her the very best of luck.



## **New Constitution**

Please note that the new Pre-school Constitution is now available to view in the noticeboard on the wall outside the foyer and on our website.

## **Fundraising Thanks**

An astonishing £4010.40 has been raised from September to now. A huge thank you to all the ladies on the fundraising team for all their ideas and immense hard work over the last year.

## **PRESCHOOL WEBSITE**

<http://www.funtimepreschool.org>

## SUMMER TERM ESSENTIALS

Please make sure that your child has a named sun hat to wear during the warm weather. There is a marked hat box in the foyer for sun hats and sunglasses.

Please also remember:

To apply sun cream on your child before the start of each session

To ensure all items your child brings to pre-school are named.

To provide a change of clothing as the children are having lots of fun with water play!

It is safer for your child to wear shoes rather than flip flops as the floor surface can become quite slippery in places.



## Articles for sale/Ads

All Pre-school parents, carers and staff can advertise items for sale. The cost is £1 for up to 4 items. Please contact Jennifer Rainbird (via pigeonhole or red fees box) if you would like to advertise. Please contact the seller directly if you wish to buy.



## Summer Picnic and Sports Day 2009

This year's event was held at The Laurel's Picnic Area, Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Many of the pre-school children, their parents and other close family members enjoyed an afternoon of fun, food and frolics.

Despite the very warm weather the 'picknickers' had great fun having a go at the egg and spoon run, the skipping race, the hockey dribble, the long jump, the child/adult three legged race and bounced in the sack race.

The children and their siblings were delighted to be awarded with a Winner's Medal and a certificate as special mementoes of the day.

## Dates for the Diary

Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 2-2.45pm

Autumn Term

Pre-school returns on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September



## **School Leavers**

*All of the staff would like to wish 'GOOD LUCK' to our children leaving us this year to start 'Big School' in September.*

*The Leavers' Assembly will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 2-2.45pm. This will be a special occasion for the children to show how they have matured during their time at pre-school*

*There is no need for advance booking – just turn up and we look forward to seeing you there!*