

Dear parents and carers,  
Welcome to this March 2009 issue of the Funtime at St Margaret Mary pre-school newsletter. Over the next few months we're looking for new committee members as the majority of the present committee steps down when their children leave pre-school.

Personally, I've made the decision to stay on the committee but in the role of vice chair. This year as Committee Chair has been enormously challenging and thoroughly enjoyable but my working hours are changing and will no longer support such an active role within pre-school. You will also notice over the next few months that the re-branding to Funtime Pre-school Limited will start to take effect. We needed to close out the accounts for last year before making any formal company name changes.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Easter Disco!

Mel Leith  
Committee chair

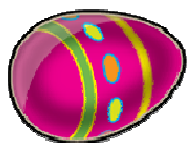
## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED URGENTLY

The committee is a group of 12 volunteer parents who run the management side of pre-school. **WITHOUT A COMMITTEE THE PRE-SCHOOL CANNOT RUN, SO IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RECRUIT A NEW COMMITTEE BEFORE THE AGM IN JUNE. IF THERE IS NO NEW COMMITTEE, PRE-SCHOOL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.** If your child will be at pre-school in September and you can spare any time, no matter how little, **PLEASE VOLUNTEER.** No experience is needed, just plenty of enthusiasm and a sense of humour! Even if you would just like to help out occasionally you would be very welcome. The existing committee are more than happy to help new members slot into their roles, so you will have plenty of assistance. For more information please speak to any committee member, or put a note in the red fees box and we will contact you. **THANK YOU.**



### BREAKFAST CLUB IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you wish your child to eat breakfast whilst at the breakfast club, please ensure they arrive **no later than 8.45am**. This will enable staff time to clear away the breakfast table and be ready to supervise the children who arrive for the morning session. Your co-operation is appreciated. Thank you.



### EASTER PARTY

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2pm - 4pm in the pre-school Hall**  
**Ticket price £3.50**  
**(includes a buffet and Entertainment)**  
**Tickets on sale now!**



*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*

## Staff Members

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

## Preschool Committee

Chair and Company Director: Mel Leith  
Vice Chair: Natalie Humphreys  
Treasurer and Company Director: Jill Everdell  
Vice Treasurer: Mandie Rignall  
Company Secretary and Director: Juliet Cheriton-Gerard  
Health and Safety: Emer Bosworth  
Communications Secretary: Dawn Harding

## Fundraising

Paula Wylie  
Leanne Honeysett  
Michelle Greenfield

On behalf of pre-school we would like to welcome two additional members of staff to our team. Emer Bosworth and Katherine Hanson. Both Emer and Katherine have children in the pre-school and are keen to further their own Early Years Experience. A very big welcome!

## DRESSING-UP CLOTHES REQUEST

*Does anyone have any children's costumes that they no longer need, and would be happy to donate to pre-school? We would be grateful for any donations, especially for boys costumes!  
Thank you!*



## 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 Dawn Harding (via pigeonhole or red fees box) if you would like to advertise. Please contact the seller directly if you wish to buy.



Mamas and Papas - Primo Viaggio infant car seat with base. It also comes with head support and sunshade. Sky blue and cream. Suitable from birth. Excellent condition. £15.00 o.n o

Mamas and Papas - Pine cot bed. (without mattress) Excellent condition. Also white fitted cot bed sheets and cot bumper. £45.00 o.n o

Mamas and Papas - Travel Cot. Metal frame, padded base, mesh net sides. Folds into own bag. Excellent condition £20.00 o.n.o

Contact Paula Wylie 01489 602935

Early Learning Centre large climbing frame, with monkey bars and slide. £50 o.n.o.

Contact Sue Nash 01489 505033

## PRESCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new website is now up and running at <http://www.funtimepreschool.org>. It contains lots of useful information for parents so please check it out!

## FUNDRAISING THANKS

For the Autumn term, the figure given in the last newsletter for fundraising has actually increased to a massive £1887.31! This is due to the employers of some of our fundraisers matching the amount they raised.

This term we have had a Teddy Bears Picnic which raised £123.70, and a Race Night which raised £561.71, bringing our total so far this year to £685.41. Both events were very well attended and extremely enjoyable. We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for their support, whether attending these events, donating items for sale, or helping out behind the scenes. Particular thanks should go to our fundraising committee, who continue to work very hard and give a lot of their time to ensure that every event is a success. We look forward to your continued support in 2009.

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We always tell you how much we have raised, but it is important that parents are aware of what that money is actually used for! There is usually a list with photos of some of the new toys in the foyer, as and when they are purchased. So far this year we have helped to buy the following items;

Two pre-school sized fold down tables.  
Threading apple and lacing cheese, both good, natural products  
Wooden shape puzzles

Thank you very much!

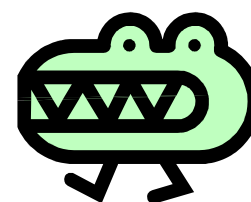
**PLEASE ENSURE THAT  
EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD  
BRINGS TO PRE-SCHOOL IS  
NAMED.**

## STORE VOUCHERS

We are still collecting vouchers for Tesco, Sainsbury's Active Kids and Nestle box tops. Vouchers can be placed in the voucher box in the foyer.

## HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

We hope the children all enjoyed Healthy Living Week, and that they had fun brushing their teeth and decorating their crocodiles! Please remember to place your sponsor money in the red fees box by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, as there is something special waiting for each child. Thank you!



Thank you for the wonderful response in supplying photographs of yourselves and the children. We had great fun looking at the different pictures, some in colour and to their horror some in black and white! The children gained an understanding of time from these pictures, they could tell us who was older and who was younger!

We sent out a short questionnaire asking about other early years provisions your child may attend. It is a requirement of the new Early Years framework that we share information about your child's learning and development with everyone involved in their care. If you have not yet returned your form or would like another copy please see a member of staff.



## **RACE NIGHT SPONSORS**

A good time was had by all, and we would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our races;

PANEL PERFECT  
Paintless Dent Removal  
The Old Vicarage  
60 Peartree Avenue  
Southampton  
S019 7JN

Brook Estate Agent  
33 Middle Road  
Park Gate  
Southampton  
S031 7GH

HAYWOOD OFFICE SERVICES  
School Lane  
Chandlers Ford Industrial Estate  
Eastleigh  
Hants  
SO53 4BW

STEPHEN HUMPHREYS MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
(Accounting practice)  
73 Collingworth Rise  
Park Gate  
Southampton SO31 1DD  
01489 480250

BAYNHAM QUALITY BUTCHERS  
4 Middle Road  
Park Gate  
Southampton

CORK AND CHEESE COMPANY  
44 Bridge Rd Park Gate  
Southampton  
SO31 7GF