



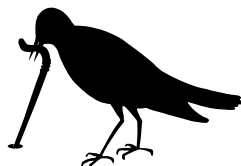
Newsletter January 2012 79-0112



Curriculum News

Welcome back and thank you for all the wonderful cards and presents!

We begin the New Year giving the children time to settle back into the pre-school routine. There will be some new faces and friends for them to make.



During January we will take part in the Little School bird watch - take a look at the link for more information;

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch/takepart/>

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This is a national survey that asks us to record all the birds we see in the pre-school environment over a two week period. If you have any binoculars (not brand new, but we will be very careful with them) please could the children bring them into school to help them identify different species of birds.

As a favourite activity we will experiment with our cooking skills, if you have any suggestions we would be keen to hear from you. It is Chinese New Year on Monday 23rd January - celebrating the year of the Dragon - it would be nice if the children were able to take part in a special recipes or cooking ideas that you may have.



News from the Early Years Team

We would like to say a big welcome to our new members of the Early Years Team; Helen Storey, Tanya Gibbard and Lindsey Meenaghan. As qualified practitioners these ladies will be taking over some of your children's learning journals. We all look forward to working with them.

We are all looking forward to details of the revised Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum this year and as soon as these become available we will share the changes with you.

Please ensure that all your children's property is well marked when they come in to pre-school.

Wellington boots may well be needed. With the bird watch we will be spending time outside, so wrap up warm for any damp and cold weather.

Message from the Committee

I hope all the children and their families had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the new year!

May we take pleasure in welcoming our new staff (Helen, Tanya and Lindsey) into our pre-school family. We hope that they settle in very well and are looking forward to working with you and your children supporting their learning and development.

Our aim for the pre-school this year is to support our fundraising team as much as we can raising funds to benefit the children attending our fantastic pre-school now and in the future.

Best wishes for 2012

Sam Dickinson - Chairman

Fundraising Team

Don't forget to purchase your 100 club numbers! As always, the board is in the foyer of the pre-school entrance - £1 per box!

Also, don't forget our shopping portal

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/funtime>



Valentines Disco
February 10th
4-6pm

Come dressed as your favourite sweet - best dress will win a prize!!

Join us for music, dinner, games & prizes - tickets will be on sale soon!!

****Early Years Education Government Funding****

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARENT DECLARATIONS FOR 15 FREE HOURS PER WEEK FOR THE SPRING TERM SHOULD BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2012. Failure to submit these on time will result in a non-claim being made for your child and fees due will need to be paid by you.

Registering at Funtime

We welcome registrations from younger siblings - no matter how young! Parents should ask staff for an enquiry form or go to the policies and forms page on the website.

Volunteers

We welcome all parents and carers to stay and play with children during the session. In the foyer there is a rota for volunteers, but please come and join us if you find yourself free - the children love seeing new faces, and you might enjoy it!

Website

Don't forget to regularly check our website! There are many things on here including a regularly updated calendar and an archive of past copies of the newsletter and letters to parents. Please take a look at www.funtimepreschool.org and direct anyone who may be interested in joining pre-school there too.

