



## Newsletter October 2011 77-1011



### Curriculum News

This month the children will be able to enjoy being different, whether it be the colour of their hair, eyes or skin. 'Elmer' is a popular children's character and will help the children to understand and appreciate differences amongst themselves.

Making their own musical instruments will encourage the children to appreciate rhythm and tempo. If you can help with containers and pasta to make shakers or have any wooden dowels for rhythm sticks please bring them along.

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Halloween! A time for fun decorations and celebrations. We will have many different opportunities to make various Halloween themed creatures. We will also introduce the safety factor of 'trick a treating', strangers and dangers!



### News from the Early Years Team

During the month of October members of staff will be updating their paediatric first aid certificates.

Angie will also be attending the first training sessions to introduce the revised Early Years Foundation Stage A

(EYFS) curriculum which will be implemented from September 2012.

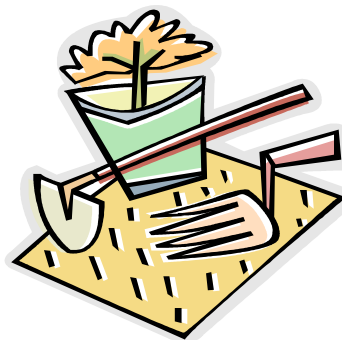
We will also be meeting several of the Foundation Stage teachers and will be able to find out how our past children are settling into reception class.

A BIG THANK YOU TO HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNCILLOR SEAN WOODWARD for the £500.00 grant awarded to the pre-school towards our replacement furniture project.



We now have a 'Wellie Boot tree'. Please could we request that both Wellie Boots are named and if possible pegged together?

We do like to play in the garden as well as our free/flow area and wearing suitable clothing such as Wellie Boots and raincoats helps to keep them dry while having fun! Winter is never far away and with the headlines warning us of very cold temperatures and even snow, please could you also remember to pack woolly hats and gloves when the time arrives!



Calling all keen gardeners!!

The pre-school garden is well used and enjoyed by the children during play. If anyone has a spare half hour to spend to keep the garden swept and briar free, please let Angie know.

### Dates for your diary

**Last day of term**                      **21<sup>st</sup> October**  
(half-term 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**First day of term**                      **31<sup>st</sup> October**

All these dates and future events/dates are now available in the calendar section of the website.

### The Committee

The 2011-2012 committee are:

**Joint Chair** - Lindsey & Sam Dickinson

**Treasurer** - Sophie Savage

**Vice Treasurer** - Clare Ashley

**Company Secretary** - Sarah Randall

**Fundraising** -

Rachel Haywood, Randi Thelis, Natalie Inkpin

If you are interested in joining the Committee in any capacity, please speak to any member of staff or e-mail [funtimechair@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:funtimechair@yahoo.co.uk)

## **A message from the Fundraisers of the Committee:**

### **'Club 100'**

You will have noticed our 'Club 100' board in the foyer next to the register. Please could we kindly encourage you to participate in this fundraising venture for the pre-school? Here is how it works:

Pay £1 for a number and we will do the draw on the last week of term.

1st prize - 25% of prize fund

2nd prize 15% of prize fund

3rd prize 10% of prize fund

50% of prize will be donated to the pre-school.

## **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!

## **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.

## **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](http://www.funtimepreschool.org) and direct anyone who may be interested in joining pre-school there too.

## **.....and finally**

Starting school in September 2012? We know it's a year away but many parents will be thinking about applying for a place for their child at school for next September. All the local primary schools encourage parents to have a look around and many organise specific open days for this.

The earliest date you can apply for your child's place at school is 1<sup>st</sup> November. You can apply on line at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) or you can request a paper copy on 0845 603 5623.