



Newsletter September 2011 76-0911



Curriculum News

After a six-week break and the addition of very welcome new children we will spend the month of September getting to know each other and giving the opportunity for the children to settle back into the pre-school environment.

It's so very important that the children feel valued within the pre-school and so together we will set up the rules and boundaries that ensure that we all stay safe and appreciate each other's feelings.

We look forward to meeting all parents and carers during our Teddy Bear's picnics; the children will be making cakes for you to enjoy with a beverage.

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News from the Early Years Team

We look forward to meeting all our children, and finding out how you enjoyed your summer holidays!

Through our key working system we will get to know each individual child and most importantly their most important educators, you as parents and carers.

Training is an ongoing priority for all staff and we are all looking forward to courses and seminars clarifying the revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). To ensure that all staff are fully Paediatric First Aid trained, three members of staff will be renewing their certificates.

Term dates for this year

Please find attached the academic school year calendar along with Funtime's pre-school dates and closure days.

Dates for your diary

Teddy Bear's Picnic **Weds 21st & Fri 23rd Sept**
1145am - 1245pm

Halletts Photography **27th Sept**
915-1015am
28th Sept
1230-130pm

Last day of term **21st October**

(half term 24th - 28th Oct)

First day of term **31st October**

No afternoon session **3rd October**

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

A few reminders!

With effect from the new Autumn term, our Pre-school fees are now £4 per hour, as previously notified last term.

Please ensure that all personal items are named, especially drinks, lunch boxes and change of clothing bags.

We still look forward to some further sunshine so sun cream needs to be applied before each session.

Can you help?

We are hoping to organise a Halloween Party for the children. Do you know someone who could provide a disco or entertainment at little or no cost? Please speak with Angie if you do. Thanks!

The Committee

The 2011-2012 committee are:

Joint Chair - Lindsey & Sam Dickinson

Treasurer - Sophie Savage

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

A message from the Committee:

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to welcome back existing parents and offer a warm welcome to all our new parents, children and families. The Committee welcome any new ideas and feedback you may have for the pre-school, especially fundraising ideas. As a non-profit charity run pre-school, fundraising events are very important to us. We are currently seeking enthusiastic parents who would like to join our fundraising team. Should you be interested please do not hesitate to contact us.

Meanwhile, we thank you in advance for all your help and support for the up and coming term.

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!

Autumn has arrived!



Please remember to bring suitable outdoors clothing, such as Wellie boots and raincoats. We do like to play in the garden as well as our free/flow area and wearing suitable clothing helps to keep the children dry while having fun! (Don't forget to label them with your child's name).

Thank 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.

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.



Job Vacancy

Would you be interested in being our pre-school cleaner? You would be required for 3 hrs per week - on Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon to clean the hall. Should you be interested please speak with Angie, the pre-school supervisor, who can provide you with more details.

.....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. Attached is a list of the arrangements for each of our local schools.

Applications for a school place should be made online. You can apply from Tuesday 1st November and all applications must be received by midnight on Sunday 15th January 2012.

To apply visit:

www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

or phone 0845 603 5623 for an application form.

A useful website:

<http://foundationyears.org.uk/>

Supporting Families in the Foundation Years - from pregnancy to age 5.

Information for Parents of Children Starting School in September 2012

All of our local schools are happy for prospective parents to have a look around before they submit their application. Some schools organise group tours and open events while others prefer individual meetings. Below is the information we have for our local schools.

School	Arrangements for prospective parents
Park Gate Primary School Northmore Road Park Gate SO31 6LX 01489 575444	Open evening: Wed 12 th October 7:00 - 8:00pm Parents are invited to come along without any need to book a place beforehand.
St Anthony's RC School Primate Road Titchfield Common PO14 4RP 01489 579100	Parents are invited to call to arrange a personal visit with the Head Teacher.
Sarisbury Infants School Barnes Lane Sarisbury Green SO31 7BJ 01489 573800	Open evenings: Thurs 17 th Nov 6:00 - 7:00pm Tues 6 th Dec 6:00 - 7:00pm Please call the school to book your place.
Whiteley Primary School Yew Tree Drive Whiteley PO15 7LA 01489 881601	To be confirmed. Please ring the school for more information.
Locks Heath Infant School Warsash Road Locks Heath SO31 9NZ 01489 584180	Open events: Mon 3 rd Oct Wed 5 th Oct Thurs 6 th Oct Wed 23 rd Nov Tours are at 9:15am, 10:50am and 1:30pm on each of the dates. Please call the school to book your place.
St John the Baptist CE Primary School Abshot Road Titchfield Common PO14 4NH 01489 573276	Parents are invited to call to arrange a personal visit with the Head Teacher.
Hook-with-Warsash CE Primary School Church Road Warsash SO31 9GF 01489 572393	Parents are invited to call to arrange a personal visit with the Head Teacher.
Titchfield Primary School Southampton Road Titchfield PO14 4AU 01329 843322	Parents are invited to call to arrange a personal visit with the Head Teacher.



FUNTIME PRE-SCHOOL

ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012

AUTUMN TERM 2011

	September				October				November				December					
Monday	5*	12	19	26	3*	10	17	24	31	7*	14	21	28	5*	12	19	26	
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	

SPRING TERM 2012

	January				February				March				April					
Monday	2	9*	16	23	30	6*	13	20	27	5*	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29

SUMMER TERM 2012

	May				June				July				August/September					
Monday	7	14*	21	28	4	11*	18	25	2*	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1
Sunday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2

Bank and public holidays 2011/2012

Christmas Day Holiday	26 December	Easter Monday	09 April
Boxing Day Holiday	27 December	May Day Holiday	07 May
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January	Spring Bank Holiday	04 June
Good Friday	06 April	Queen's Diamond Jubilee	05 June
		Summer Bank Holiday	27 August

* No pm session



Closed for polling



Pre-school Holidays



Bank holidays

FUNTIME PRE-SCHOOL
Academic Year 2011 - 2012

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Autumn term

Mon 5th September - Fri 21st October 2011

Half term 24th - 28th October 2011

Mon 31st October - Fri 16th December 2011

Christmas: Mon 20th December 2011 - Wed 4th January 2012

Mon pm closures: 5th Sept 3rd Oct 7th Nov 5th Dec

Spring term

Thurs 5th January - Fri 10th February 2012

Half term 13th February - 17th February 2012

Mon 20th February - Fri 30th March 2012

Easter: Mon 2nd April - Fri 13th April 2012 (2 weeks)

Mon pm closures: 9th Jan 6th Feb 5th Mar

Summer term

Mon 16th April - Fri 1st June 2012

Half term 4th June - 8th June 2012

Mon 11th June - Fri 20th July 2012

May Bank Holiday (pre-school closed): 7th May

Polling (pre-school closed): 3rd May (to be confirmed)

Mon pm closures: 14th May 11th June 2nd July