



## Newsletter December 2010

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### Curriculum News

Last week (when it wasn't snowing!), the children enjoyed recalling the Toy Story films. We had many characters visiting us, and the children had the chance to re-enact their favourite scenes from the films.

As Christmas approaches, we will be preparing by making lots of Christmas decorations and pictures. Beware of the glitter that will start to appear everywhere!

In the last week of term we have our Christmas Carol concert and Christmas party to look forward to. More details about these exciting events can be found overleaf.

### 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 yourselves free - the children love seeing new faces, and you might enjoy it! We would particularly appreciate your help at this busy time of year, whether it is to play with the children, or to come in and help prepare resources!

### EYES funding

Please remember to return EYES funding forms and session requests by the end of term to ensure your entitlement to funded sessions.

### Contact us:

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### Staff News

We said goodbye to Katherine at the end of November as she started her Maternity leave. We hope she has a restful few weeks before her new arrival!

Congratulations to Karen on completing her five session "Popeye" course. This will help her in her role as our Special Needs Co-ordinator.

Angie will be completing her BTEC in business Management next month, along with attending meetings supporting the new Children's Centre.

### Dates for your Diary



Children's Carol Concert 11.30-12.00	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Children's Christmas Party 9.00-12.00	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
End of Term 3.30	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Term Starts 8.30	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Next Committee Meeting 7.30pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan



### Forthcoming Events

The Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December between 11.30-12.00. All children are welcome to attend, even if Tuesdays are not their usual session. We have been practising the songs, and are looking forward to entertaining you!

Pre-school's Christmas Party will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 9.00-12.00. Parents are welcome to join us at 11.30 to see our "special visitor". Again this event is open to all children, even if Friday morning is not their usual session. Children are welcome to wear uniform, party clothes, fancy dress or anything else they would like to these two events!



### Fundraising

An enormous "Thank you" to all those who participated in making the quiz night such a success: the Committee and volunteers that worked hard to make the night run smoothly, everyone who kindly donated the wonderful raffle prizes and everyone who bought a ticket and came to the quiz itself. We do not have a final total for the amount raised yet, but it is in excess of £400! Our special thanks go to Tesco Whiteley, Garsons, The Solent Hotel, Ferneham Hall, Jiggy Wrighlers, Moores Moments and Nandos.

Unfortunately one of our Fundraisers, Gina Farmer, has had to resign from the committee for family reasons. She has done so much to raise funds for Pre-school since taking on the role in June, including organising our events and our [www.buy.at/funtimepreschool](http://www.buy.at/funtimepreschool) website. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done and wish her well.



If you are interested in joining the Committee as a Fundraiser, or filling one of the other positions, please speak to a member of Staff or one of the Committee (committee pigeon holes are yellow).

### Wellies

Parents are welcome to send in Wellington boots for their children to wear when playing outside. Please note they need to be named in both boots and taken home after every session as unfortunately we have nowhere to store them.



### Help Required

We have a large amount of flyers advertising Funtime that we would like to distribute. If you feel you could help spread the word by leaflet dropping in your street, or taking a few to a group you attend, please speak to a member of Staff or the Committee, thank you.

### Waterproof outfits

Pre-school has some waterproof outfits available to purchase at £10 each. There is one on display on the children's coat rail if you would like to view it. If you wish to buy one, please put money/cheque in an envelope marked with your child's name and "Waterproof" on the front. Please remember that if you wish to send purchased waterproofs in to be used during sessions, they need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Snow Closures

Please be aware that if Pre-school closes due to the snow parents will be notified by text message through our Parentmail service. Please ensure you notify us of any changes to mobile numbers, this can be done by leaving a message in the red fees box, or by emailing [administrator@funtimepreschool.org](mailto:administrator@funtimepreschool.org) Snow closure information will also be available on our website.



### Guidance on Infection Control

We have recently received an update to the "Guidance On Infection Control In Schools And Childcare Settings" from the Health Protection Agency, which helps us prevent the spread of infection at Pre-school. Attached is an updated copy of the sheet you will have received when your child started Funtime. Please can we stress that you adhere to the guidance for the following illnesses:

Illness	Recommended period away from Pre-school
Diarrhoea & vomiting	48 hours after last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Cold/Flu	Until recovered
Conjunctivitis	Until recovered

### Happy Holidays!

The Staff & Committee of Funtime Pre-school would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy break over the festive season! We look forward to seeing everyone when term starts again on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January!

