



Newsletter February 2011

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Curriculum News

We had such an exciting time during **Let's Cook! Week**. The children had made a variety of dishes, including fruit kebabs and chocolate cookies. We celebrated the Chinese New Year with fortune cookies, making Chinese fans and learning about the festival.

This week we have been focusing on **Spring**. We have taken the opportunity to learn about the new life the warmer weather brings. The children have had the chance to learn about planting and baby animals.

We are looking forward to **Valentine's** week combined with our half-termly Fancy Dress week. The children will have some exciting creative opportunities to make something special for the people they love.

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!

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Staff News

We said "Goodbye and Good Luck" to Chloe who started her maternity leave at the end of January. The children enjoyed watching her open her blue presents, and we wait to hear her good news very soon.

Angie is looking forward to presenting at a meeting about enabling environments. Her focus will be the way in which our new garden area has improved the learning environment for Pre-school.

Dates for your Diary



Fancy Dress Week	14 th - 18 th Feb
End of half term	18 th Feb
New term starts	28 th Feb
Table Top Sale	26 th March
Committee Meeting	7 th April
End of Term	8 th April
New Term starts	26 th April
Closed for Royal Wedding (Bank Holiday)	29 th April
May Day Closure	2 nd May

Forthcoming Events

Our next event is a Table Top Sale on Saturday 26th March between 10-12. More details will follow in a separate letter, but if you know someone who may be interested in renting a table (£10 for selling second hand, £12 for business traders), please tell them about the sale. Also if you would like to help Pre-school by volunteering to help with the set up or clearing up of the hall, please email administrator@funtimepreschool.org , thank you.



Fundraising

The last week of the half term (14th-18th Feb) sees the return of our regular Fancy Dress week. Children are invited to pay £1 (placed in an envelope in the red fees box in the foyer) and can then wear fancy dress as many times as they like during the week.



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).



Occasional Volunteers

If you haven't got the time to commit to becoming a committee member, but would be interested in helping with a one off event, like serving refreshments or setting up/ tidying away at a fundraising event, please send an email to administrator@funtimepreschool.org and we will contact you in the lead up to our next fundraiser, thank you.

Upcoming Closures

Please be aware that Easter falls at the end of the Easter holiday this year, therefore term will not start until **Tuesday 26th April**.



In line with Hampshire County Council Guidelines, Pre-school will also be closed for the Royal Wedding on **Friday 29th April**, and again for the May Day Bank Holiday **Monday 2nd May**. For more information on Term dates, please go to:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/schoolholidays>

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**.

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.



Fees

Pre-school has liaised with NatWest so that fees can now be paid directly via internet banking. If you would like to pay your fees this way, please set up your payment with the following details:

Sort code: 56-00-64

Account Number: 36585831

Advertising our Pre-school

As you may have noticed, we now have a large "A-board" sign displaying the Pre-school on Middle Road. This is useful advertising to passers-by, but we also need your help! Word of mouth recommendations to anyone you know with young children are invaluable- remember we now take children from 2yrs 6months!



We also 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.

E-Newsletter

A big thank you to all parents who have opted to receive the monthly newsletter by email.

Please remember you can change your preference at any time by sending an email to

administrator@funtimepreschool.org

