



Newsletter January 2011

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Curriculum News

Welcome back! The children celebrated the **New Year** in our first week back. They shared their excitement and experiences over the Christmas period, providing the golden opportunity of talking with their peers and teachers about presents received and how they individually enjoyed their Christmas and New Year.

In the second week back we have had some exciting opportunities for cooking and creating using various **pasta** products. From our interest survey many children have expressed how much they enjoy pasta.

The **Little School Birdwatch** takes place over the end of January and beginning of February. Our children will be taking part, recording the birds we see in our area. Alongside this project we will focus on **horses**. We will be introducing children to the different activities horses are involved in and how to care for them. The children are very fond of our hobby horses, and it would be wonderful for the children to see a real horse/donkey/pony so if anyone has one they could bring up to Pre-school, please let us know!

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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!

Staff News



Huge congratulations to Katherine and her family, who welcomed baby Alice into the world on 30th December 2010, weighing 9lb 1oz.



Dates for your Diary

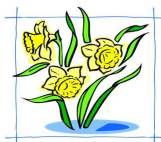


Little School Birdwatch 24th Jan-4th Feb

End of half term 18th Feb

New term starts 28th Feb

Forthcoming Events



Upcoming events for parents and children will be around Easter time, so watch this space!



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.

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.



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. Please can we stress that you adhere to the guidance for the following illnesses:

Illness

Diarrhoea & vomiting

Cold/Flu
Conjunctivitis

Recommended period away from Pre-school

48 hours after last episode
of diarrhoea or vomiting

Until recovered
Until recovered

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

Snow Closures

Please be aware that if Pre-school closes due to the snow parents will be notified by **text message** through our Teachers 2 Parents text 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 Snow closure information will also be available on our website.



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

