



Newsletter June 2011

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Curriculum News

This week we have been learning about Letters and Sounds. We have enjoyed looking at all the favourite books children have brought in from home, and listening to the stories in them.

Next week we will be talking about Friends and Family. We would love to see photographs of friends and family which will be displayed. The children will have the opportunity to talk about the people they know well.

June should be a very busy month with visits to the children's new schools, as a team we will talk to the children about their transition to reception class, promoting the exciting adventures ahead of them. There will be chances to build self confidence and independence through play. We will provide opportunities and encouragement to make decisions and express their feelings which will enable the children to communicate in their new environment of Reception class.

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Staff News

This half term Karen and Angie will be attending an update on child protection issues. Angie will also be attending a safeguarding children conference.

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!

Dates for your Diary



Halletts Photographers	20 th June
Leaver's Photos	21 st & 23 rd June
No afternoon session	4 th July
Sport's Day	17 th July
Royal Victoria Country Park	
Leaver's Assembly	19 th July
Last day of Term	22 nd July
First day of term	5 th September
No afternoon session	5 th September

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

Forthcoming Events

Sport's Day returns on Sunday 17th July at Royal Victoria Country Park. We have booked the Laurels picnic area from 12.30-3.30 so families are invited to join us for a wonderful afternoon. Feel free to bring a picnic and grandparents/ siblings to watch the children take part in a selection of sport's activities. Parents are advised car parking is now £3 per car. A letter with more details will follow shortly.



The leaver's assembly will take place on Tuesday 19th July 2.30-3.00. Children who are leaving for school in September who do not normally attend this session are welcome to come along at 2.30, as well as their parents and families who would like to join in our celebration.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone that supported our Quiz Night in May, by attending on the night or buying raffle tickets or donating prizes. We raised £145 for Pre-school. Special thanks go to the organisers, raffle ticket sellers and to Phil Adams who supplied cakes for dessert!

A huge thank-you to everyone who has supported us by collecting schools vouchers from Tesco and Sainsbury's. With the Tesco vouchers we aim to order:



Water channelling stands - great fun to experiment with the flow of liquids down different levels.

Arctic animal set - to enhance our small world play

Agility ladder - supports physical activities
Depending on the final count we may be able to replace our photo printer - the big wish!

We are awaiting a catalogue to confirm what we will be able to purchase from Sainsbury's.

Please remember to bring in your old Ink cartridges as these too can be exchanged for schools vouchers via a pre-paid envelope.

Autumn Term sessions

The session request form for September sessions will be in pigeon holes soon, so please start thinking about what sessions you would like for your child. Please remember we have some session changes effective from September, for details of this please see the recent letters section of the website, or go to: <http://www.funtimepreschool.org/letters/session%20changes%202011.pdf>

Fees Payment

Please can we remind parents and carers to pay their fees by the date shown on the invoice. Pre-school runs on a very tight budget and we depend on this income to pay rent, staff wages etc. Attached to the newsletter is the Overdue Fees Policy which will be enforced where fees are not paid on time. Fees can be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly or half termly. If you have any queries or issues regarding payment of your child's fees then please contact the administrator or the Treasurer who will help to find a solution. Please be assured that all matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Registering at Funtime

We welcome registrations from younger siblings - no matter how young! Especially from families with children going off to school in July. Parents should ask staff for an enquiry form, or go to the policies & forms page on the website.

A message from the Chair...

It has been a good year for Funtime Pre-school, we have continued to grow and develop, embracing new challenges and requirements. I have had the pleasure of being part of this and it is with sadness that I have to step down this year and hand the Chairship over to someone else. I do however have very fond memories of my time as Chair and have made some life long friends along the way...I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone on the committee for their help with fund raising....Thank you to all the staff for the support and dedication that they show the pre-school, parents and committee. They are continually striving for excellence.



Joanne Walsh

To see the AGM report in full, please see the Policies and Forms section of the website.

Committee

As the committee stand down, we would like to thank them for all their hard work this year organising fundraising events, communicating with parents and supporting staff in the day to day running of the pre-school.

The 2010-2011 committee were:

Chair	Jo Walsh
Vice Chair	Treesha Rodrigues
Treasurer	Mel Leith
Secretary	Shirley Moras
Comm. Sec	Katie Jump
Fundraisers	Sophie Savage Gina Farmer

Natalie Parker Teresa Hallum

The new committee will be named in the July Newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please speak to any member of staff or email chair@funtimepreschool.org .

Pre-school AGM

A huge thank you to all parents who came to the AGM on Wednesday 8th June.

Halletts Photographers

Halletts Photographers will be in Pre-school for various photo sessions this half term. Please find the details below. If you have a problem or are unsure of which photo opportunities are for your child, please speak to a member of staff.

Mon 20th June 9:30 - 10:30 for all children

If children are in the session they will automatically have their photo taken unless parents say otherwise. Children not in that session are welcome to come along for their photo. Siblings, parents, grandparents etc all welcome in the photos too.



Tues 21st & Thurs 23rd June 1 - 1:30 pm

For July school leavers only. Graduation photos of the children leaving to go to big school in September, complete with gown, cap and scroll! Children in the session will automatically have their photo taken unless parents say otherwise. Any leavers not usually in on either afternoon can come along for the photo.

Sun Protection

Please remember to put sun cream on children and send in named hats for when we play in the garden area, thank you.

Lunchboxes

Please could all Parents make sure lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's first name and surname. This also applies to all items of clothing and possessions that are brought into Pre-school, thank you.



Getting Ready for “Big School”

The children will have the opportunity to practise changing into their PE kits during the summer term. This will offer them the opportunity to gain independence and build up confidence for their transition to school. If your child will be starting primary school this September, please send in named t-shirt and shorts in a bag for us to use in afternoon sessions.



Parent Survey 2011

Thank you to all parents who completed our annual Parent Survey, - the results are being collated and will be published in July.