



Newsletter March 2011

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Curriculum News

We started off the half term with a journey into **Space**, with the children having opportunities to create rockets and space scenes, and climb aboard our giant model of a spaceship. They even had the chance to become a spaceman in our astronaut helmets!

This week we have been cooking up delights such as pancakes, flapjacks, nachos and smoothies!

Next week we will be **Celebrating Ireland**, culminating with St Patrick's day on 17th March. If you have anything Ireland- related, please send it in to Pre-school for us to share with the children.

Red Nose Day falls on 18th March, and to highlight this charity with the children we will be making cakes to sell to parents during the day! Please remember to bring some pennies at pick up time to help us support this worthy cause.

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

Congratulations to Chloe and her family, who welcomed baby Malachi into the world on Tuesday 22nd February 2011. We wish them all well!



Karen and Frances have attended an Advanced Child Protection course this half term, and Angie will be attending a conference focused on Partnership with Parents in the near future.

Dates for your Diary



Red Nose Day	18th March
Table Top Sale	26th March
Committee Meeting	7th April
End of Term	8th April
New Term starts	26th April
Closed for Royal Wedding (Bank Holiday)	29th April
May Day Closure	2nd May

Forthcoming Events

Our next event is a Table Top Sale on Saturday 26th March between 10-12. There are still some tables available, if you or someone you know may be interested in renting a table (£10 for selling second hand, £12 for business traders), please return the booking slip or email administrator@funtimepreschool.org. We are still looking for volunteers to help on the day, so if you can give up some of your time to help Pre-school raise funds, please email the above address or leave a note in the red fees box in the foyer.



Alongside the "nearly new" tables there will be an Usborne book stall, Phoenix cards and independent craft/ small business sellers. We also have plenty to keep the children entertained with refreshments, face painting, children's lucky

dip and craft fun for the under 5's. Entrance is free so please join us for the morning!

We will be holding another Quiz Night on Friday 20th May, so please put the date in your diary - more details to follow shortly.

Fundraising

We are looking for donations of good quality books, children's toys, games and puzzles for the Funtime stall at our Table Top Sale. If you have anything to donate, please bring it into Pre-school and put it in the box provided marked "Donations". Thank you.



Message from the Chair

This is an extract from the letter that was sent to parents w/c 14/2/11. For the full letter please go to <http://www.funtimepreschool.org/recent%20letters.html>

"The Committee is working very hard to keep pre-school's finances within budget. There are many ways in which you can help us and not all of them will cost you!

1. Support our fundraising efforts. Ideas are always welcome! These events enable us to purchase new toys and equipment for the children.

2. Remember us with donations - unwanted toys/books/stationery/raffle prizes, healthy snacks for the children etc. Everything is welcome.

3. Support our parent helper rota. Ideally we

would love one parent/carer helper each session.

4. Join the committee and help with the organization side of pre-school or just let us know if you are able to help at an event. We are a sociable bunch and it's not all work! We especially need volunteers to join the committee from June when the current members step down at the AGM.

Kind Regards, Joanne Walsh"

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>

Website

Our website has been updated to reflect more of the wonderful work that goes on at Pre-school. To complement the existing information, there are new pictures of our facilities, a regularly updated calendar and an archive of past copies of the newsletter and letters to parents.



As well as information for current parents, there are messages from Angie, Pre-school's supervisor, and Marisa Reynolds, Pre-school's administrator, welcoming prospective parents. Please take a look at www.funtimepreschool.org, and direct anyone who may be interested in joining Pre-school there too!

Did you know?

Did you know you can access the upcoming curriculum for your child at Pre-school by logging on to our website? To see the current half term outline of themes, please log on to <http://www.funtimepreschool.org/curriculum.html> and click on the link entitled "Half term curriculum".



Schools Vouchers

It is that time of year again when we are collecting Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers for schools. Please bring them in and leave them in the boxes in the foyer, they help us buy exciting new resources for the children. Watch this space to find out what we raise!