



## Newsletter May 2011

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### Curriculum News

During our first week back after Easter we "Celebrated Elmer" and the children had the chance to express their individuality, by dressing in their own style. The activities we did together gave the children time to appreciate that everyone is different and that we should celebrate diversity.

During our celebration of the Royal Wedding week, the children had the chance to express how they felt watching the ceremony. They produced crowns, invitations and flags to celebrate the occasion.

This week our summer cooking has been a great success, making cookies, summer pudding, flapjacks and fresh fruit kebabs. It has also been an opportunity for children to learn why foods need to be stored separately, and about refrigeration, cooking times and covering food for protection.

Next week will be a chance to play with our Small World Toys. This week we will offer them the opportunity to link the various sets together to create their own world. Farms, zoo, cars and garages, castles, space, seaside, magical creatures. Come in and help the children express their ideas, a kitchen roll tube can become a rocket, an egg box a stable!

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### Staff News

We welcome Cathy Denman, our new member of staff, to Funtime Pre-school this half term. Cathy is covering our staff on maternity leave. She has had lots of experience working with Pre-school children. Cathy will be working in Pre-school all day on Thursdays and Fridays, so please come in and say "hello".

All the staff have enjoyed the opportunity to extend their professional development. We have all attended a Transition and Resource course to support our children who are moving to reception class. We also have celebrated our final meeting this year with our cluster group, and Angie has been invited onto the working party to decide where we go next year with the limited funds available.

### Dates for your Diary



Quiz Night	20 <sup>th</sup> May
Fancy Dress Week	23rd-27 <sup>th</sup> May
End of Half Term	27 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Term begins	6 <sup>th</sup> June
Halletts Photographers	20 <sup>th</sup> June
Leaver's Photos	21 <sup>st</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Sport's Day Royal Victoria Country Park	17 <sup>th</sup> July 12.30-3.30
Leaver's Assembly	19 <sup>th</sup> July

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

## Forthcoming Events

The Quiz Night returns on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 for an 8pm start. Tickets are now available at £3 per person, so please leave money and slips in the red fees box in the foyer. Spare copies of the Quiz information letter and reply slip are available on the recent letters section of the website. We are still looking for prizes to go in our luxury hamper raffle, if you have anything to donate please bring it in to pre-school. Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after every session next week at £1 a strip. There will be a licensed bar on the night, and Pizza will be available at £1 a slice.



## Sport's Day

Sport's Day returns on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Fundraising

The last week of the half term (23-27<sup>th</sup> May) 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.



## Committee 2011-2012

At the Pre-school AGM many of our current committee will stand down as their children move on to "big school". We are looking for volunteers to make up the new committee, as **without a committee, the pre-school cannot run.** We are a registered Charity and have to abide by the Charity Commission's laws. The Committee is responsible for employing staff so we **MUST** have a Committee who are accountable. Being a committee member means attending committee meetings (on average one per half term) and attending/ helping at some of our fundraising events. If this is something you would be interested in, please ask any committee member or staff member for some more information. There is also a sign up sheet in the foyer. The current members would be happy to explain to you what their role involves. You can see who the current committee are by visiting <http://www.funtimepreschool.org/committee.html>

## Fees

Details of Pre-school's bank account for direct payments of fees are as follows:  
Sort code: 56-00-64  
Account Number: 36585831

## Schools Vouchers

Tesco and Sainsbury's voucher schemes have now finished for this year, so please bring in any vouchers you have collected and leave them in the boxes in the foyer. We hope to have enough vouchers to "buy" water channelling stands, more small world characters, weighing scales, wellie stands and an agility ladder. We hope to let you know in next month's newsletter what we have been able to order. Ink Cartridges and mobile phones can now also be exchanged for these vouchers, bags will be available in the foyer soon. In the meantime, please log onto the website and follow the link on the homepage to the list of cartridges we can collect and redeem.



## Pre-school AGM

The annual Pre-school Committee AGM will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Paray Room, St Margaret Mary Church.** During the meeting the current committee will present a report of what has happened over the past academic year and some members will stand down. Whilst some committee members will stand to be re-elected, many of the current committee will be stepping down as their children move on to school. Every parent is welcome, even if you do not want to be on the committee but would like to hear a summary of what has been achieved this year. If you are new to pre school it is an ideal opportunity to informally meet the new committee and put names to faces! It is also a chance to meet other parents too.



## Did you know?

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



## Sun Protection

As the weather starts to get warmer after Easter, please remember to put sun cream on children and send in **named hats** for when we play in the garden area, 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.

## Help required!

The green fence around our wonderful garden area is in need of some minor repairs! We are looking for a willing volunteer with some D.I.Y. expertise to come and take a look and help with any repairs/ replacements. If you feel you would be able to help us ensure the children are still able to play in the garden safely, please speak to Angie, thank you.



## 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!

*Please note adverts placed in the Funtime newsletter are thought to be accurate, but we cannot be held liable for any misrepresentation.*

### Item for Sale



#### **Garden Playhouse for Sale**

Immaculate condition, bought for £100 from Toys R Us less than a year ago.

Offers welcome.

**Treesha (07769) 971967**

Collection only, thank you.