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Newsletter
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Curriculum News

Last week we talked to the children about the safety aspects linked to **bonfires and fireworks**. We had some wonderful opportunities to make some sparkling pictures that came with the message to watch but don't touch!

This week we have been thinking about **Remembrance**. We have offered the children the opportunity to think about the past and their links to it within their own family. We have talked about how life has changed over the years.

Next week we will be supporting the BBC charity **Children in Need**. We will share with the children the different circumstances of childhood in other countries. Using visual aids and stories we hope to extend our children's understanding of the international differences and what it means to grow up in a different culture.

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 Training News

We welcome Sarah Wright who has joined our Early Years Team. Sarah is a past parent who has supported the pre-school on the committee and has been a voluntary member while completing her NVQ 2 qualification. She is currently studying for NVQ level 3. Sarah will also be attending a course on Paediatric First Aid in the upcoming weeks.

Other members of the Early Years Team will be attending conferences and courses throughout November. These include "Extending knowledge and understanding of the role of the adult", "Listening to Children" and a course about Special Educational Needs.

Dates for your Diary



Quiz Night **19th Nov**
7.30 for 8.00 start

Christmas Carol Concert **14th Dec**
11.30-12.00

Children's Christmas Party **17th Dec**
9.00-12.00

End of Term **17th Dec**
3.30

Spring Term Begins **10th Jan**

Forthcoming Events

Tickets are on sale now for the Quiz Night on Friday 19th November, priced at £3 each.



Included in the price are entry to the quiz and nibbles, there will also be a bar available and Pizza to buy at £1 a slice. Please place order forms for tickets in the red fees box in the foyer, or see one of the committee members if you would like any more information. Raffle tickets are now also available to buy before and after Pre-school sessions for the draw on the night.



The Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Tuesday 14th December between 11.30-12.00. All children are welcome to attend, even if Tuesdays are not their usual session. We have been practising the songs, and are looking forward to entertaining you!

Pre-school's Christmas Party will be held on Friday 17th December between 9.00-12.00. Parents are welcome to join us at 11.30 to see our "special visitor". Again this event is open to all children, even if Friday morning is not their usual session.

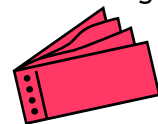


Fundraising

A big thank you to all families who supported our Halloween Party. The children really enjoyed themselves and we made £125 for Pre-school. Half of that amount was raised on the day, the other half has been donated by Lloyds TSB.



Our half-termly dressing up week raised £12, and Funmats sales raised £46, again many thanks to all families that supported these fundraising ventures.



If you can't come to our Quiz night but would still like to help us fundraise, raffle tickets will be on sale before and after sessions until 19th Nov. The raffle will be drawn at the Quiz. Tickets are £1 a strip. We are also looking for raffle prizes, so if you have any wine, chocolate, toiletries or other unwanted gifts please hand them to a member of staff or the committee, thank you.

Envelopes are still available in the foyer for your old ink jet cartridges and mobile phones. Pre-school receive a donation for every one recycled from "Money to Schools".

Help Required!

We now have a water butt ready to go in our garden area. Is there anyone out there who could help us set it up?

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

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.



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. We would like to politely remind parents 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**.

Starting School in September?



Hampshire
County Council

All children born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 are due to start school in the next academic year, beginning next September 2011. Admission to a Year R class is not automatic and so you **must** apply for a place through Hampshire County Council's admissions process. Parents must apply online or return the Hampshire common application form (CR2) to a Hampshire school or the County Admissions Team by midnight on **SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2011**.

For more information, or to apply, go to: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions.htm>