



Newsletter October 2010

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Curriculum News

The children have had the opportunity to see animals in their ideal environments during our **Pets and Furry Friends** week. We have talked to the children about the responsibilities of owning a pet, the correct diet, exercise and the importance of regular visits to the Vet.

During **Boogie Mites** week the children will be introduced to a wide variety of music and songs. They will take part in lots of fun dances and learn many new actions to songs.

We have been working towards **Halloween** week ahead of schedule. The children will produce most of the decorations for the Halloween party. There are pumpkins, bats, witches and other scary creatures. We want to make the Halloween party a very special event for all our children and their friends, if you have any ideas, decorations which would enhance the environment we would very much like to hear or see them.

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, please log on to <http://www.funtimepreschool.org/curriculum.html> and open the PDF file at the top of the page.



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Staff Training News

During the month of October several members of staff continued their extended courses. Caroline and Sarah completed their Initial Child Protection Course and are looking forward to the beginning of the advanced course.

Angie will be attending a conference on Observations, Planning and Assessment in Portsmouth. She will also be participating in a seminar with local Early Years Providers to share good practice.

Dates for your Diary



Fancy Dress Week	18-22 nd Oct
Half term week	25 th -29 th Oct
Halloween Party 2.00-4.00	30 th Oct
Quiz Night 7.30 for 8.00 start	19 th Nov
Children's Christmas Party 9.00-12.00	17 th Dec
Closing Date for Yr R applications	15 th Jan

Forthcoming Events

October 30th is our **Halloween Party**; children (and siblings) are invited to come along in fancy dress between 2-4pm to sing and dance along with Maraca Jacks, enjoy some party games and food. There will be a lucky dip, guess how many sweets in the jar and temporary tattoos for the children, and a cake stall and tea and coffee for adults. There are still some tickets available so if you would like one, please place your child's details and £3.50 per ticket in an envelope in the red box in the foyer. Children aged 1 and under are free. We would greatly appreciate donations of cakes to sell, please bring them with you on the day!



The **Quiz Night** is back! After the success of last term's quiz night, the fun returns on Friday 19th November. Come and join us for just £3 a ticket! Ticket price includes nibbles and entry to the quiz, there will also be a bar and raffle on the evening. Pizza will be available to purchase for £1 a slice. Tickets will be available after half term.

Fundraising

The last week of the half term (18th-22nd) 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.



The children will have the opportunity in the next few days to print their hand print which can be turned into a keepsake. **Please can parents return the handprints, order form and payment to the Pre-school staff in the punched pocket provided - this will keep your order together and stop the handprint getting crumpled as "Funmats" won't accept them if they are folded.** Orders need to be returned by Thurs 21st Oct.



This year we have signed up to the **"Money to Schools"** recycling scheme where Pre-school will be given money for old printer ink cartridges and mobile phones. Please ask for an envelope or place your old items in the cardboard box in the foyer. Remember to ask your friends, family and work colleagues for

their old ink cartridges and mobile phones too, and help to raise funds for Funtime.

Please remember when internet shopping to use www.buy.at/funtimepreschool Navigating from here to many popular stores means Pre-school can earn between 1-10% on purchases.

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**. If you do not have access to the internet then call the County Admission Team on 0845 603 5623 and they will post a paper form to you. Admissions opened in September so applications can be made immediately. Parents may state a preference for 3 schools and all schools will have open days this term for you have a look around. Applicants will receive notification either by email or post on Thursday 28 April 2011 telling them the name of the school at which their child has been allocated a place. Individual schools will not be able to inform parents of the outcome of their application.

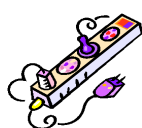
For more information, or to apply, go to: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions.htm> Please see the attached sheet for the contact details and tour arrangements for local schools.

Thank you

A big 'thank you' to all the parents who have paid their fees on time this term, it is greatly appreciated.

Help required!

Pre school's electrical equipment is due its annual Portable Appliance Testing. Is there any parent, relative or friend qualified to support us with this? If so, please speak to any member of staff or the committee, thank you.



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?