



Newsletter



December 2008

Message from Sue

Hello Everyone,

We have had a very eventful term with outside agencies visiting us which was connected to our topic 'Travel'. Starting early September we had a visit from a trainee pilot who shared his experiences of training with the children, including his uniform and a flight simulator for them to interact with, this was enjoyed by all. We even managed to persuade a mum to put on her 'Trolley Dolly' uniform and talk to the children.

We had a visit from Hampshire Fire Services and apart from the children sitting in the appliance and looking around it, they offered a free inspection of your homes. This included smoke alarms, plus fitting (phone number 07918 888129).

The visit from the ambulance crew was fantastic; they included and related to the children getting a great response from them. They learnt how to use the phone and dial 999 for emergencies, bandaging the large teddy, some even had ECG's done. A very good morning was had by all.

Our Annual Autumn Fayre was on the 11th October a huge thank you for your support leading up to and on the day, we raised approximately £750.00 a big thank you.

Pyjama day went down well everyone took part dressing up (even the staff). Children and staff had lots of fun. We raised £45.00, we are still looking into finding the sink, and we will inform you when we have purchased it.

As you can see the children's folder scheme has been put into place and you are welcome to come and see them at anytime. The children enjoy putting their work in them with accompanying photos of their experiences at pre-school. Please feel free to take them home and the children can decorate them. We value your input as well.

That brings us to December our first visit of the month is to Wilmot Court, Victoria Road next to 'Alexandra Pub' we would like all children to attend as they will be singing their songs to the residents. We have always been made very welcome.

Next is our school visits to watch the nativities at Cove and Southwood schools. Our past children look out for us and we enjoy seeing how they have flourished. Notes will be put on the doors for your information.

Pre-school party is on Friday 12th December. When you drop off your child you will be invited to come in and listen to your children singing. The change in our routine upsets some children please

be aware we might pass your child onto you for comfort. We have an entertainer booked for the occasion and also Father Christmas will be bringing a present for each child.

We would like to welcome Sarah Binnie to our staff and also Susan Eldred who works with special needs.

If you have any unwanted sheets, net curtains or duvet covers we would be grateful if you would donate these to pre-school.

In closing we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sue and the Staff xx



Courses

Sue and Judy have attended a 7 week course on Personal, Social, Emotional Development which finished on 18th November, lots of ideas some of which we have already put into practice.

Saturday 4th October Sue and Judy attended Development Plan (EYFS) at the Lismoyne Hotel. On the 17th October Sue and Judy attended Autumn Road Show at Princes Hall.

In the New Year all staff are booked on a Food Hygiene course.

Message from the Chair

Well as Christmas is fast approaching this is just a brief note to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

This last term has yet again gone amazingly quick and here we are again getting ready for the Christmas performance and the party.

We have had quite a busy first term with the Autumn Fayre and also the visits from the Fire Service and the Ambulance Service.

We have the many things to look forward to in the coming term with the Music & Movement and we may look into the Fun Run / Sponsored Walk again at the 6th Form College.

This is a perfect opportunity to let you all know that we have decided against offering the 3 hour sessions from January. We had a very mixed response from the parents, and therefore we will wait this year and implement the change in line with the Government requirements in January 2010.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the new committee members for offering their time for this current year. There are many things that I am hoping to achieve this year, including issuing revised staff contracts, implementing a pay scale for the staff and also creating budgets and forecasts. We would also like to make some improvements to the equipment and the toys so watch this space.....

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff. This was Sue's first term as the Preschool Manager and to say it was a seamless transition would be an understatement. Sue has made some seemingly minor changes that have had huge impacts on the Preschool for instance the introduction of the Achievement Folders for the children.

Well just left to again wish you all a very happy Christmas and the very best wishes for 2009!

Proud Clouds

We have introduced proud clouds at pre-school. If your child does anything at home that you are proud of please fill in a proud cloud and we will put it on the board at pre-school. These will be photocopied and put in their folders.

Outdoor Play

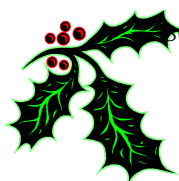
We encourage the children to participate in outdoor play when possible, so please remember to bring in their coats (named). You might also like to bring in a named pair of wellies, joined with a peg.

Fruit Donations

Please continue to bring in donations of fruit. The children enjoy eating it with their drink of milk. Place donations in the bowl in the foyer.



Christmas Raffle



It's that time of year again, for the Christmas Raffle, this year we will be making up some Christmas hampers. Please donate festive items for the hampers. The raffle prizes will be on display from Monday 8th December. If you would like any more raffle tickets please see a member of staff. The draw will take place on Friday 12th December at the children's Christmas party.

Term Dates

5th Jan – 13th Feb 2009
23rd Feb – 3rd Apr 2009
20th Apr – 22nd May 2009
1st Jun – 17th July 2009