

Newsletter 4 - January 2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. All the staff would like to thank everyone for the generous gifts they received last term.

Chinese New Year- Monday 23rd January

We will be focusing on Chinese New Year the week beginning 23rd January. If you have any objects, costumes or books that you would be willing to share with the preschool then please speak to Miss Anna. Thank you.

Data Protection Form- Due to the increase use of social network sites and blogs we have recently updated our data protection guidelines. We would like to advise that any photographs or recordings made at open school events are for your personal use only and that any such items posted to social network sites should ONLY show your child(ren) and no others.

Please expect to receive an update form that should be completed, signed and returned to the preschool. All parents need to return the form signed or we will be unable to allow photographs or video recordings at future events. Thank you in advance for your co operation with this matter.

Music Time! The preschool would like to set up a pots & pans musical area outside but will need donations of any kitchen utensils or pots & pans that are no longer required by parents. Thank you.

Jubilee FREE Trees for Schools- Our fantastic gardener & Forest school lady, Miss Kate has been busy working in the garden with the children. As part of her work Miss Kate has been able to acquire 60 free hedgerow trees and an oak sapling! These will be delivered to the preschool at the end of January. We would really appreciate it if parents could help Miss Kate and the children with the planting from Monday 6th February onwards.

Recycling- We would be really grateful for any donations of yoghurt pots, egg boxes, ribbon, lace, buttons or other such items for our art & craft area but please NO cereal boxes.

Old Guttering - The children's water play area needs re vamping and we would ask for any donations of plastic guttering - any length - as the children build their own water runs! Thank you.

Emails: This year we will be making more use of electronic communication to keep you up to date with preschool news! Please can you ensure that we have the correct email address for you.

LEVEL 2 Montessori Foundation Certificate- SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

There will be a meeting at Westwood Montessori, Little Sampford on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm. This will cover course requirements, question & answer session and completing enrolment forms

The course is a great opportunity to learn more about Child Development, Montessori Ethos and Practice and gain a formal qualification as a Montessori Teaching Assistant.

If you are unable to attend this date or would like more information about the contents and the cost implications please contact Michelle on michelle.wisbey@virgin.net or telephone: 07811 441615.

HALF TERM- A Request from Miss Anna!

If anyone would like to take home our small animals to care for over the half term it would be greatly appreciated! We have guinea pigs, rabbit and fish to choose from! Thank you

Child's Play

Oh, what a busy morning!
I've been playing with the dough
And, with a little help, upon a card I learnt to sew.
I helped my friend "Nurse Sarah" to perform an operation
Then fixed the track together for my train and built the station
And stood beside the cooker making lunch for twenty three!
I completed three whole jigsaws and played a new board game
And had a turn on all the bikes,
The slide and climbing frame.
I handed round the biscuits at milk and biscuit time,
Then listened to a story and sang a nursery rhyme
But now the mornings over and our mothers are all waiting.
I hope my mummy doesn't say,
"I WISH YOU'D DONE A PAINTING."