

Long Wittenham Pre-school Newsletter

Term 4 issue 2 (March 2010)

Welcome

A special welcome to the new children who have started at Preschool this term. We hope that you enjoy your time at Preschool!



Happy Birthday to Tilly and Harrison who will be celebrating during the Easter break.

School Starters at Long Wittenham School for September 2010

If your child has been allocated a place at Long Wittenham School for September 2010, please complete the attached form to confirm your child's intended start date and return to Vicky asap please.

Dates for your diary:

STOP PRESS.....

Tue 23 March: Vet visit to Preschool – all Preschool children are welcome but if they do not normally attend on Tuesdays then a parent or carer must stay please.

Wed 31 March: Preschool / Toddlers/ Parents' lunch – jacket potatoes and more – see below!

Thu 22 April: AGM & Cheese, Wine and Chocolate Evening

Fri 23rd April: Sponsored Toddle Waddle – parent helpers needed please!

Fri 30th April: French celebration at Preschool (Labour Day)

Election Day

(May – tbc): Preschool Outing to Beale Park – details to follow

Preschool and Toddler Group Lunch – Wednesday 31st March

All parents / carers, Preschool children and Toddlers are welcome to join us for a sociable lunch at the village hall on Wednesday 31st March from 11.30 a.m.

There'll be a list going up shortly at Preschool so do sign up and join us!

Cheese, Wine and Chocolate Social Evening / AGM – 22nd April from 8 p.m. At Sandalwood, High Street, Long Wittenham (thanks Emma!)



Free Cheese, Wine and Chocolate!!! What are you waiting for??

We'll be holding the AGM from 8 o'clock, then on to the serious business!

Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the evening – up to you.

Hope to see you there! (Please ask Anna or Emma if you need directions).

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Fundraising

Nearly New Sale

We raised a record-breaking £765.50 for Preschool funds after costs. Thank you to everyone who helped, sold items, or added to the profits. Watch this space for more news of our October Sale!

Yellow Moon

Time is running out to send a group order before Easter, but if you would like to place your own order online, please remember to quote SL01193 so that Preschool gets the cashback. Thank you.

Sainsburys' Active Kids / Tesco vouchers for schools

Please save your vouchers and post in the boxes at Preschool. Thank you.

Sponsored Toddle Waddle – Friday 23rd April

The children are limbering up for this fun fundraising event, consisting of a sponsored walk to Bodkins' Field and around the village. The proceeds from sponsorship will be split 50/50 between Preschool and the Meningitis Trust, a very deserving cause. Please let Vicky know if you are able to help out on the day, and please look out for your child's sponsorship form soon.

Preschool Outing to Beale Park (Election Day – May 2010 – date tbc)

- We don't get let out very often, so what better excuse than polling day to have a Preschool outing?
- We're working out the details at the moment, and it would really help us if you would fill in the reply slip attached to indicate whether your child is likely to attend, and whether you would be accompanying them. We are trying to encourage private lift sharing so that we can keep costs low by not booking a coach.
- We anticipate that the group ticket cost will be £4.50 per person (under two's free of charge).
- Please note that there will be no Preschool session on the day of the outing, due to the polling station using the village hall.

Notice of changes to sessions / lunch clubs

Please remember that we require four weeks' written notice of any changes to your child's sessions or lunch clubs. This is to enable us to plan staffing levels and to keep billing to once a term. Lunch clubs must be booked for the whole term and not on an ad hoc basis, although taster sessions are available (please see Vicky). Thank you for your co-operation.

Photography consent form

Parents of children who have joined Preschool recently will shortly be given a photography consent form to complete, indicating whether or not Preschool may use images of your child for publicity purposes (brochure, our own website etc). Please complete and return to Preschool staff. Thank you.

Toddlers

Just a reminder that Toddlers takes place on a Wednesday afternoon in the village hall from 1pm to school pick-up time (around 3.15pm). Everyone is welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a chat whilst the children play. The cost is just £1.50 per family (first session free) which includes a snack and drink for the children. Why not give it a try?

For all those keen types waiting at the door before 1pm, please note that Toddler Group does not start until 1pm – please bear with Preschool staff as they pack away!

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Your "For Sale" advertisement here for only 50p! Please see Anna if you would like to advertise in the next newsletter..



TERM DATES:

Term 4 2009/10

Monday 22 February – Thursday 1 April 2010

(Holiday – Fri 2 April – Fri 16 April)

Term 5 2009/10

Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May 2010

(Bank Holiday – no Pre-school on Mon 3 May)

(Holiday – Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June)

Term 6 2009/10

Monday 7 June – Friday 16 July 2010

(Holiday – Mon 19 July – Wed 1 September 2010)

*Pre-school Committee
March 2010*



Preschool Outing to Beale Park (Election Day – May 2010 – date tbc)

There will be no Preschool session on election day, due to polling in the village hall

Please complete the form below and return to Preschool staff asap to help us with planning:

Child's name: _____ will/ will not be attending the Beale Park trip.

I (parent/ carer name) _____ will / will not be accompanying my child.

Accompanied siblings are welcome to join the trip. Please indicate the likely number of extra children and ages _____

We're trying to encourage private lift-share arrangements to save on the cost of a coach. Please indicate whether or not you will be driving and if so how many spare spaces you may have in your car: *(*delete as applicable)*

Driving to Beale Park? yes*/ no*

If yes, how many spare seats could you offer in your car? _____



Long Wittenham School – Intended Start Date 2010-11 *(delete as applicable*)*

Child's name: _____ has been granted a place at Long Wittenham School, and will be starting school part time* / full time* in September 2010.

Signed parent / carer: _____ **Date:** _____

(Please speak to Vicky if you have any questions before completing this form).