



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 2013

Welcome back to Pre School everyone, we hope you had a brilliant Christmas and New Year.

We have 5 new starters this term. Harvey, Evie and Oliver E have already joined Pre School. Daisy and Edward will be starting after half term. A very big welcome to all of you, we hope you have great fun at Pre School.



Our numbers are gradually increasing which is fantastic news, but keep spreading the word to anyone you know with young ones!

The children had a great time at their Christmas Party at Treehouse Playcentre in Didcot, lots of hide and seek and racing around in the playframe - the grown ups were exhausted!



The Pantomime trip was amazing!!! Not sure who enjoyed it more, the parents or children! Some children just watched quietly and others were jumping up and down for all they were worth. Even though it was after Christmas it still felt very festive and definitely still Panto season.

Pre School has lots in store this term, including

TOPIC

This terms topic is shapes and colours but with the weather we have at the moment the children are also talking about snow and ice. They have been doing a few experiments outside to see what happens to water if you leave it out all night.

Pre School are also hoping to celebrate Chinese New Year which is at the end of January. The traditional festivities last for a week although Pre Schools may not last quite that long!

Pancake Day and Valentines Day will soon be here, no doubt heart shaped pancakes will be flying around the hall.

PARENT MORNINGS

This is a chance to have a chat about how your little one is getting on at Pre School. Dates are available from Monday 28th January to Friday 1st February (except Thursday). If you would like to have a chat, speak to your childs key worker and they will book you a slot.

TODDLERS

Our toddler group is gradually expanding! We have a range of ages coming along, from 4 weeks old (a welcome rest for mums arms as everyone else cuddles the baby so she can sit with a cup of tea!) to Pre Schoolers. Why not book your child in for lunch club on Wednesdays and let them stay for an extra play at Toddlers. We are going to have a bit of a revamp soon but never fear the dressing up trolley will still always be out! Watch this space for our new look.....

FUNDRAISING

There are lots of exciting events coming up this year, the first of which is the...

Coffee Morning

A nice relaxing start to the fundraising calendar. Come along to Pre School on Friday 1st March for a piece of cake and a cup of coffee (or tea!). No set prices, just donations to help Pre School along the way. The door will be open from 9.15 so come along and treat yourself to a sit down and a chat.

Nearly New Sale

Saturday 23rd March is the date for the first Nearly New Sale of the year. If you haven't been to a sale before, they are great fun and a chance to grab yourself a bargain. Baby and childrens clothes, baby equipment, toys, maternity wear, cots, beds, bikes, prams and no end of other things you might need for your growing family. If you need any information or would like to sell things your children have outgrown contact chair@longwittenhampreschool.co.uk

Easter Egg Hunt

Our now traditional Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Neptune Wood on Wednesday 3rd April. It was lots of fun last year and appealed to all ages not just pre schoolers. Look out for more information nearer the time.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to 2 of our new children , Daisy in January and Edward in March



Have a lovely birthday , we hope you have lots of fun being **3**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Mornings: Monday 28th Jan - Friday 1st Feb (except Thursday)

Monday 18th February: Committee Meeting

Friday 1st March: Coffee Morning

Saturday 23rd March: Nearly New Sale

Wednesday 3rd April: Easter Egg Hunt

PARENT HELPERS

Remember, you can come along to play at Pre School as a Parent Helper. No qualifications needed, just come and play! The children really enjoy mums, dads, grandparents or anyone else who usually looks after them coming in for the morning. Speak to staff to arrange a date if you're interested.

COMMITTEE

If you are a new or old parent and would like to become a bit more involved in Pre School, why not come along to one of our committee meetings. We meet once a month and new members are always welcome. We meet in The Plough, Long Wittenham and apart from thinking of new ways to raise money and increase numbers we have a good laugh. You can put in as much or as little time as you wish, it's not compulsory to help out at events (although extra helpers are always VERY welcome). We have dads too!

The next meeting is 18th February, 8.00 at The Plough

TERM DATES:

Term 3: 8th Jan - 8th Feb

Term 4: 18th Feb - 28th March

Term 5: 15th April - 24th May

Term 6: 3rd June - 19th July

Have a browse through the attached book leaflet, Pre School is given a percentage of every book sold. Some good books at good prices.

