# Newsletter

**November 2011**


## Crossbow Pre-School

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*Brrrr! Grab a cuppa a diary and catch up with Crossbow Pre-School. Aimée x*

**MUST READ**
Please note that you are required to give 4 weeks notice, in writing, if you no longer require a place or will be taking holiday. Grant funding and/or fees paid/due will also be retained/collected for the notice period unless notice is received. If your child is unable to attend due to sickness can you please let us know by 8.45am on 07928 381976. There is an answer machine. Thanks.

**Dates for the diary**
*Tuesday 15th November 2011 19.30*
Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the future of Crossbow Pre-school.
The Chaney Room, Crossbow House.

*Thursday 1st December 10.00*
Frampton Cotterell Primary Christmas play dress rehearsal for pre-schoolers.
Frampton Cotterell Primary School.
We need lots of help from parents and grandparents to go to and from school.

*Friday 2nd December 09.15*
Crossbow Pre-School Christmas play dress rehearsal to Primary school children.
Crossbow Pre-School.
We need lots of parent and grandparent help before, during and after the play.

Saturday 3rd December 10.00 to 13.00
Christmas Bazaar.
Crossbow Pre-School.
This is a great warm up to Christmas and one of the main fundraising events.

*Friday 9th December 10.00*
Crossbow Pre-School Christmas Play.
Crossbow Pre-School.
All Children to arrive at 9.15 and parents to arrive at 9.50 unless helping.
Mince pies and coffee to be served in Crossbow house before the nativity. Once you have dropped your little one off to Preschool please come over and join us.

Thursday 15th December 10.30
Christmas Children's Party from Magic House.
Crossbow Pre-School.
All children arrive at 10.30 and collect at 1pm. (Grand)parent help needed.


Chair Julia Warren, Treasurer John Warren, Secretary Hannah Brown, Head of Fundraising Nikki Davies, Deputy Nina Holway, Comms Aimée Knott, Webmaster Simon Knott, Vouchers Officer Claire Oakes, General Members Helen Hernandez, Daria Koeller.

## Early Years Foundation Stage

These are the acronyms used to describe the six key areas of learning.

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| PSED | Personal, Social & Emotional Development | KUW | Knowledge & Understanding of the World |
| CLL | Communication, Language & Literacy | CD | Creative Development |
| PSRN | Problem Solving, Reasoning & Numeracy | PD | Physical Development |

These are the topics and activities your child has been looking at.

- Festivals: Bonfire, fireworks, safety and Christmas prep. (KUW, CD).
- Wonders of our world: Places, people, animals. (KUW,PSRN, PSED).
- Role play: Christmas play preparation (PSED,CLL,PD).

Please do talk to any of the staff any time about your child's learning. They are always happy to help and love sharing with you their observations of your child.

## Ways you can help

1. The Morrisons "Lets Grow" 2011 scheme is up and running. All we need you and your family/friends to do is collect the vouchers and pop them in the collection box. We have really benefited from this programme in the past.
2. We are also looking for a contact for someone to video the Nativity. Does anyone know anyone? If so please contact Nikki Davies ASAP.
3. Please spread the word on the Christmas Bazaar. To ensure that this day is a success we will be asking for help and contributions and "parent packs" full of information will be sent out next week. If you are starting your Christmas clear out early please bear in mind there will be a good quality book and toy stall amongst many more.

## New Baby

Congratulations to Jo McCue who had a baby boy on Friday 28th October.

## Halloween Disco Success

A fantastic fun filled night for all the family. Noel Daniels from Kidszone did a fantastic job as always keeping the little ones entertained throughout. There was lots of dancing, eating sweets and all the children looked fantastic in their costumes. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped us to raise an amazing **£404.48.**

*Editor's note: HUGE thanks to the fundraising team, who worked so hard as always to make this event a success.*

*And finally…*

Did you know Crossbow Pre-School has a web-site and a facebook page? The web-site can be found at www.crossbowpreschool.co.uk and you can simply 'like' Crossbow Pre-School on facebook to find out more about things going on.