



Newsletter

January 2010

Staff Recruitment

We are pleased to announce that the role of Deputy Leader has been filled following interviews last week. The new deputy lives in Frampton and is well known to the existing staff. We expect the new lady to start full time just after half term but she may be present occasionally during sessions prior to then. The role of practitioner is still open and we have yet to interview candidates.

The move towards full staffing is a slow one but has been positive so far with many skilled staff from other settings showing an interest in the vacancies. We hope you will bear with us at this time of recruitment and we expect to be at full strength very soon. We still would love to hear from any of you who wish to help out, please register your interest with a member of staff, thank you.

Recycling Old Mobile Phones

Thank you so much to the parents who have handed in a Nokia 6310 and a Samsung E250, both of which will be sold to generate £11.00 for the pre-school. It may not be much but if we have additional handsets handed in, it raises fund for the pre-school through having done very little! The phones are sent to an organisation who ships them to poorer, developing countries to assist in their improvements in communication. The other plus is it prevents the phones from being sent as waste to landfill and helps the UK decrease the 20 million handsets that could be sent to landfill this year alone.

Free Sports Equipment

It's not often you get something for nothing these days but Haven Holidays are running a promotion that could give us just that. We just need 70% of all parents to visit <http://www.havenfunfitness.com/> and register their support for the pre-school for us to qualify. We will hopefully receive an indoor trampoline with your help! All you need to do is visit the site above, type in the Pre-school's postcode, BS36 2DA and click "Register your support". Enter your name, address and email details and submit this to Haven. You will then be sent a confirmation email with a link to their page to verify your support. Thank you to anyone in advance that does this.

New Equipment and School Trip

Following the success of the Christmas Bazaar the committee has discussed the purchasing of new play equipment for the children which will commence with a selection of good quality musical instruments (and sound proofing for the hall!). We are also planning a school trip for the end of the academic year and options are currently being explore by the committee, let us know if you have any suggestions.

Wellies and Clothing Request

The response to our previous request for wellies and cold weather clothing donations has been well received, thank you to all parents who donated. We are looking for a few items in particular; wellies in size 10 (boys or girls) and wet weather coats or cagoules. Any donations of coats/macs/cagoules will really help the staff when taking children outside and ensuring that everyone is suitably dressed.

We are also looking for anyone who can donate girls clothes and socks suitable for ages 2-4 years old?

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The scheme is back for 2010 and will start from 17th February. We are registered to collect the vouchers so please hand them in if you have them. For more information on the scheme and what it hopes to achieve this year go to <http://www2.sainsburys.co.uk/ACTIVEKIDS/>

Family Disco!

The next social event planned for the children and parents of the pre-school is due to take place at Crossbow House on **Friday 19th March** starting at **18:00**. The committee is still putting the finishing touches to this event and would like to hear from any parent/carer who knows of a good entertainer/DJ. Please let us know by emailing young.aj@blueyonder.co.uk or ringing 01454 850333 with the details, thank you.

Childcare Vouchers

Lastly, just a quick reminder that the pre-school does accept childcare vouchers, please hand them in to a member of staff who will ensure they are forwarded to the correct person.

For the events listed above and for more information please see our website www.crossbowpreschool.co.uk