



Newsletter

June 2010

Teddy Bears Picnic



Well after a worryingly wet and cloudy Tuesday, the sun shone gloriously for us on the day of the picnic. Thank you to all who attended, it was a great fun filled day that was enjoyed by all and has been the source of many a positive comment afterwards. We may do another next year so keep your eyes peeled for the posters on a lamp post near you!

In the total the pre-school raised an estimated £1400, which brings our total fundraising figure this year to £3489.00! A record amount of funds that has realised the improvements to the children's play facilities. The staff and committee are eternally grateful for your support and we are absolutely delighted with the money raised at this and other events held this year.

Parent Feedback Forms

Just a quick reminder to return the parent feedback forms given out just before we broke up for half term. These are really important to ensure we address any concerns you may have or share the positive comments about the school. We want to know what you think, so please place the completed forms in the orange box by the coat hooks in the main corridor.

Fund Raising Progress 2009-10

Total to date:

£3489

Events coming soon:

End of Year Party - July

Pub Quiz Night - October

Building Improvements to St. Peters Hall

Following the installation of the new picket fence surrounding the play area, we are in discussions with the Frampton Cotterell and District Community Association about painting the exterior of St Peters Hall. We hope that we can reach an arrangement concerning the paint and materials needed, in exchange for the friends of the pre-school supplying the labour on the day. As we are at the beginning of negotiations we do not have a date for the painting yet but further information will be circulated nearer the time.

Parents EYFS Evening

As you may have seen, the EYFS evening for parents has been re-arranged for 13th July at 7pm to 8pm in the Chaney Room in Crossbow House. This session will present an insight into the current Early Years educational framework, how it all works and how the children benefit from the scheme. There is a sign up sheet on the table by the signing in/out book for those who are interested in coming along.

Tulip Photography

Tulip will be visiting the pre-school on **21st June**, details and booking form are displayed at the hall.

TESCO Voucher Collections

Thank you to all of you who handed in the Tesco vouchers, we managed to raise 2234 vouchers! We are now using these to invest in arts and crafts resources for the children and should have the new materials by the Autumn.

Sainsburys vouchers

For those of you who are collecting Sainsburys vouchers for the pre-school we need them in now please as equipment orders have to be received by Sainsburys by 23rd July 2010. So far we have accumulated 984 vouchers and counting.....Thank you to all those parents/carers who have handed these in, it is really appreciated.

ICT Equipment in use

The new IT equipment is now being actively used during the sessions and some of you may have noticed that the children are now bringing home computerised drawings! We are making sure that IT integrates into the play sessions, particularly for those in Rising Fives, for whom it perfectly prepares for the IT involvement they will experience during Reception class in September.

Haven Sports Equipment

Further to the support we received in the past few months from all of you, we have received a variety of activity equipment from Haven following us reaching the 100% target required through the Haven website. We have received a variety of balls, a trampoline, ribbons sticks, paddle pads (so they can practice their hand eye co-ordination for hitting those home runs/parents shins/the telly etc), and bucket stilts for balance and co-ordination.

Stay in touch!

Does the pre-school have your email address? We send all newsletters and most ad hoc pre-school updates by email so if you are not receiving these emails, let us know, thanks. Send an email to young.aj@blueyonder.co.uk and you'll get a confirmation message back to say that your email address has been noted.

Sun Protection

Summer time is upon us, we hope, and we want to make sure the children are protected from the sun's rays. On sunny days, could you please apply a suitable factor sun cream in the morning before the session that will last for the duration of the session (long lasting sun creams are available in the shops). In addition we ask if possible could you supply a sun hat in your child's bag in case it is needed, thank you.

Parents Meetings

We will be holding 2 sessions of parents meetings:

- For those children moving up to primary school this September the meetings will be held during week commencing 21/06/10, a form is available now on the white board to book an appointment.
- For those children staying with the pre-school in September the parents meetings will be held during the last 2 weeks of term, appointment sheets will be displayed nearer the time.

And last but not least.....

You may see a new face about on a Tuesday, Lucy Bailey, a parent helper will be lending a hand during each Tuesday session.

It's never too late to get involved, why not help out?

If you want to have a part in developing the pre-school, come along to our next meeting on:

29th June from 8pm
in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of Crossbow House.