

NOMANSLAND PRE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER February 2010

Welcome

We have some new faces at pre-school who have joined us over the last couple of terms. Welcome to you all!

Play leader

We also welcome Claire Joyce, who has taken the role of Play Leader and is settling in during her first full term. A warm welcome to you too!

Bad Weather!

Claire and the pre-school staff wish to extend their apologies for session closures during the snowy weather, this was due to staff being unable to get to pre-school. Hopefully the coldest weather has passed now!

Pre-school Sessions

The new sessions at pre-school have started this term, with great success. Sessions are available from 9am-3pm on Monday and Tuesday. If you have any queries or would like to take up these sessions, please contact Emma Coleman, Administrative Support Officer.

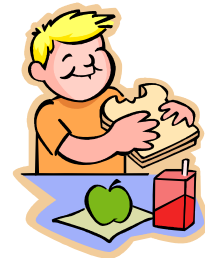
Resources Update

We are updating our resources and would welcome any of the following items to be donated to pre-school:

- Multicultural dressing up
- Measuring spoons, plastic sieves and different sized funnels (for sand and water play)
- DIY style rollers and painting trays (of different sizes) for water painting
- Sheets and pegs for den making
- Chopsticks and wok for our home corner
- ICT type toys that make noises!

Lunch Boxes

It is so lovely to see the children bringing in healthy lunches to pre-school. Please keep up those nutritious eating habits for your children. Please also remember to bring in a piece of fruit for the children to share at snack time.



Children's Clothes

Outdoor play is an important part of the pre-school session, regardless of the weather! Therefore, please dress your children appropriately for the weather. (Hat, scarf & gloves in the cold and sun hats & sun screen in the summer). Also, please could you label your child's coat as we have a few similar coats at the moment, which causes confusion.

Christmas Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas activities. The children and staff did a wonderful job with their performance of "C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S spells Christmas", then we all enjoyed a special party at the end of term, with one very important visitor!

Parent Help Rota

The commitment and support you give to the pre-school by participating on the rota is **invaluable**, and means that the staff can concentrate on working with the children. It has been brought to

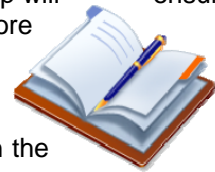
Claire's' attention that parents would like to be more involved in the pre-school's activities while they are parent helper. Please feel free to talk to Claire on the day you are helping, so any changes can be accommodated.

Information Exchange

Can we remind you about our 'Information Exchange' forms located by the front door. Please use these forms to let us know of anything happening at home that you feel may affect your child's time at pre-school. This could be short term changes in their home life such as building work or a house guest. It is also for you to tell us of exciting things your child is doing: something new that they have never done before like starting to swim, counting some objects, drawing a person, playing a game etc, or a trip out or just something lovely that they have shared at home. These small changes at home can have an effect on your child's behavior; can lead to some fascinating conversations, or the development of new skills, so please keep us informed so we can enhance your child's learning journey.

Committee Meetings

The pre-school committee is a vital part of the pre-school community. Your help will ensure the pre-school's future. Being a committee member is a great way of being more involved in the day to day running and management of the pre-school. It is a good opportunity to meet new parents and share an idea or two over a glass of wine at committee meetings. We also manage a social night out once in a while too. If you have ever thought about becoming more actively involved in the pre-school, please speak to a member of staff or existing committee member.



Forthcoming Committee Meetings:

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| Term 4 | Tuesday 2 March 2010 |
| Term 5 | Tuesday 27 April 2010 |
| Term 6 | Tuesday 15 June 2010 |

Website

Please don't forget to check out our lovely website. Here you can find lots of information, including the latest termly topic sheet, information on the running of pre-school and links to other useful sites. Go to www.nomanslandpreschool.co.uk

Pre-school Committee

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| Chairperson | Natalie Crates |
| Treasurers | Emma Ginns Carole Galloway |
| Secretary | Niccola Cooper |
| Admissions Coordinator | Emma Coleman |
| Health and Safety Coordinator | Catherine Shutler |
| Rota Coordinator | Lorna Lee |
| Safeguarding Coordinator | Sarah Mansbridge |
| General Committee Members | Helen Vincent Kerri Brock Ruby Butson Karen Eccles Jane Moghul Sue Wheeler-Osman |

Thank you to everyone for your continued support to our Pre School



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