

Nomansland Pre School

NEWSLETTER May 2010

Welcome

Welcome to all the new faces that have joined us since February at pre-school.
Welcome to you all!

We would like to send our condolences to the Lavallin family, as most of you already know, Nina sadly passed away recently. We hope that we can help with our support through pre-school.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone that attended the Parents' Evening. The turn out was very impressive and the staff really appreciated having the time to speak to parents, about their children.

Hats and Sun Cream Please!

As we enter the summer term, please remember to bring in a named sun hat for your child to wear outside and don't forget the importance of putting a 'once a day' sun cream on your child before they come to pre-school. Also could parents please send their children in sensible footwear as when the children are outside playing they need safe footwear so that they are not going to hurt their feet when on the equipment.

Cleaning

The pre-school has a termly clean (prior to the start of each new term) and this is supported free of charge by the parents and staff. Due to the lack of helpers at the last organised session we will be returning to a rota system, so every parent helps at least once a year.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

If you would like to be more involved in the management of your pre-school then this is your opportunity! At the end of this school year, we will be sadly losing our Chair, two Treasurers, Fund Raising Coordinator and several general committee members as their children move up to primary school. Therefore, this is YOUR chance to get in on the action!

The pre-school can not run without a committee so it is vital we have new members in place to take on these roles. 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, which normally take place during the second week of each term. 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. All parents/carers are welcome to attend committee meetings – you do not need to be a committee member to do so!

Outings/Trips

We are currently arranging some summer trips, and the annual pre-school outing is planned for Longdown Farm on Friday 11th June. The pre-school has also been invited by Jane Hayward to visit their plant nursery on the 2nd July. More details of these trips will follow shortly.

Lunch Boxes and water bottles

Thank you very much for bringing in your child's water bottle. This is working very well at the moment and the children are choosing to use their bottles throughout the day.

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.



Forest Walks

This term we have had the opportunity to take the children for walks across to the forest. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the walks and we are very pleased that we are now able to use the beautiful surroundings that our pre-school is set in.

Next Year's Term Dates and Session Times

As of September 2010 we will be changing our session times slightly to fit in with the new Wiltshire flexible funding which will allow 15 hours per week funding for children over 3 years. We have revised our times to give parents easier and more flexible use of the funded hours. Hours taken by any child not eligible to receive the grant, or those taking in excess of the 15 funded hours, will be charged at an hourly rate from September. The hourly rate will be set at a level in line with our current sessional charge.

TERM DATES & SESSION TIMES

September 2010 – July 2011

Term 1	Monday 6 September 2010 – Friday 22 October 2010	(7 weeks)
Term 2	Monday 1 November 2010 – Friday 17 December 2010	(7 weeks)
Term 3	Monday 10 January 2011 – Friday 18 February 2011	(6 weeks)
Term 4	Monday 28 February 2011 – Friday 8 April 2011	(6 weeks)
Term 5	Tuesday 26 April 2011 – Friday 27 May 2011	(5 weeks)
	PRE-SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY Monday 2 May 2010	
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2011 – Friday 22 July 2011	(7 weeks)

Monday	9.00 am – 12.00 noon 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm (Lunch Club) 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	9.00 am – 12.00 noon 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm (Lunch Club) 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Wednesday	9.00 am – 12.00 noon 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm (Lunch Club)
Thursday	9.00 am – 12.00 noon 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm (Lunch Club)
Friday	9.00 am – 12.00 noon 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm (Lunch Club)

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 pre-school 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

Please 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.

Forthcoming Committee Meetings:

Term 6	Tuesday 15 th June 2010
Term 1	Wednesday 8 th September 2010

Website

Please don't forget to check out our 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

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

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our pre-school



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