

Nomansland Pre School

NEWSLETTER April 2011

Welcome

We have some new faces at pre-school - A warm welcome to you all!

Staff Changes

We would all like to say a big thank you to Jen Funnell for becoming our new Pre-school Leader this term, after we sadly said goodbye to Claire. We are sure Jen will be a fantastic Play Leader and we all look forward to seeing her in her new role. We already need to say a huge Thank You to Jen and her family for all the work they have done in pre-school over the Easter break to make sure pre-school was all up together for the new term.

We also need to thank Pippa Cragg and Jesse Winter for sorting out the removal of the old shed, Dee's John for sorting the rubbish (again!) and Becky Hayward for her help.

Also a massive Thank You to Helen Vincent, Pam Davis, Emma Ginns and Sue Wheeler-Osman for their help with the termly clean on Easter weekend.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

Outside Area

As I am sure you have all seen by now the outside area looks amazing with the new grass surface. We need to thank everyone who has been involved with the fundraising that was done to make this possible. We would also like to thank Pippa Cragg our chairperson and other committee members who have put in a lot of their own time to make the refurbishment run smoothly. I am sure the children are going to have so much fun, summer and winter in their new garden.

BEFORE



AFTER



Sponsored Bike Ride

We had a lovely sunny day for our sponsored bike/scooter/trike ride. The children all had a lot of fun racing around in the recreation ground and then we all had a lovely time playing games and having picnics afterwards. Thank you to everyone who took part a lovely day was had by all.

Recruitment

Following Jen's promotion to Play Leader, the pre-school is currently recruiting for a Deputy, and a Pre-school Practitioner (short-term contract until July 2011). Emma Bishop has taken on the role of Acting Deputy until a permanent Deputy is recruited. Please also join us in welcoming Samantha Hayne and Leighann Wickers who are joining us as bank staff to provide relief cover as and when necessary.

Dates for your diary.

Provisional Inset day Fri 17th June 2011.

(in order to minimize disruption to parents we have avoided setting the inset days on our full days, however, it is essential that all staff can attend, so days have been limited to Wednesdays and some Fridays only)

TABLE TOP SALE

Nearly New Baby and Children's clothing,
toys and equipment

Saturday 21 May 2011, 10 am – 12 noon, Landford Village Hall

To book a table (£10), please contact:

Lucy : 01794 323589 or Sarah: 01794 390579

Termly Clean

Sat 4th June 2011

Sat 23rd July 2011 (after moving out!) 10-12 noon

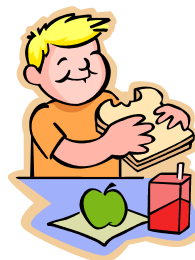
Group and individual photos with Sonia Lambert

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th May (at her home address).

A list of slots will be put up at pre-school next week.

Lunch Boxes and Water Bottles (Reminder for New Parents)

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 and don't forget the children's water bottles as this is working very well now the children can access their drinks whenever they want.



Children's Belongings

Please could we remind you that all of your children's belongings should be clearly labeled – a selection of variously styled labels can be ordered from Easy2Name and for which we earn commission on every order, leaflets are available in pre-school. Also could all children who have been recently toilet trained bring a change of clothes in a labeled bag.

If your child comes home in cloths borrowed from pre-school please remember to return them as we do not have a huge supply so it is vital we have them back for other children who may need them.

Hats and Sun Cream

Now that we are getting some lovely sunny weather please can parents make sure their child has a named sun hat and has had sun cream applied before they come into pre-school – thank you.

Indoor/Outdoor Footwear

This is working really well and helping to keep the pre-school room much cleaner for the children. Could parents please be mindful to provide their child(ren) with slippers or soft shoes that they can easily remove and put on themselves to help encourage their independence!

Please can you make sure the children have suitable shoes for the garden, i.e. preferably not open toed sandals or flip flops.

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 affect 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.

AGM

This year our AGM will be on Monday 17th October at 8pm, at pre-school.

If you would like to be more involved in the management of pre-school then fear not!! At the AGM, we will be sadly losing several committee members as their children move up to primary school. Therefore, this is YOUR chance to get in on the action!

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.

Website

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

Pre-school Committee

Chairperson	Pippa Cragg
Treasurers	Dudley Jaynes Fiona Lugton
Secretary	Sue Wheeler-Osman
Admissions Coordinator	Lucy Thompson
Health and Safety Coordinator	Catherine Shutler
Rota Coordinator	Mari Walling
Safeguarding Coordinator	Sarah Mansbridge
General Committee Members	Jonas Bower Ruby Butson Karen Eccles Emma Ginns Julie Gray

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



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