



Newsletter June 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the June Preschool Newsletter. A big welcome to our new starters! Please feel free to chat to any of the committee members about our activities and we love all parents to join in and support us as much as possible.

New Equipment: For those that missed the March newsletter, Jane and her fundraising team have had a very successful year obtaining grant awards. This has enabled us to buy lots of new communication and healthy living tools for both preschool and home use. The details of how the grants were spent are listed below:

Communication Grant

Light Box: We have purchased a folding table with light box which enables the children to develop their exploration skills using x-rays and colours.

Listening Station: This allows children to listen to audio stories through headphones.

Sensory Blocks: These can be used for building, creating patterns or as a stimulus to children's creativity on the light box.

Interactive Stories: With CDs, music and picture cards

Elizabeth Jarman CFS (Communication friendly spaces) for all the family: We have 2 CFS packs available for families to take home to create dens / talking spaces with their children. Please look on the Elizabeth Jarman website under CFS bags for more information, or ask at preschool.

Funding for Healthy Living

We have been lucky enough to be able to purchase lots of new outdoor equipment for the children to use including:

Small bikes / trikes and scooters

Small wooden greenhouse and gardening tools

Wormery

Water tray and sandpit

2 Garden benches

Fundraising: Thank you to all those who made cakes and attended the pop-up café event on Friday 7th June at the Rec (Tutshill park), this raised in excess of £55. We will let you know if the weather allows us to hold another before the summer holidays.

Tutshill Fun day – Sunday 14th July: Preschool will have two stalls at the Tutshill Fun Day this year. There will be a bottle tombola stall and after the success of last year another children's fun area.

Help! We would appreciate donations of any kind of bottles (including alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries etc) for the tombola stall, which can be left at preschool during the week of 1st to 5th of July.

The more help the merrier so please add your name to the list on the notice board if you can spare any time to help with the stalls on the day.

TLC: The Children's wendy house is in need of some basic TLC – a sand down and a lick of paint if any family member could spare some time, mum, dad, grandma, grandad could volunteer to assist please speak to Debra.

Uniform: Don't forget that the preschool uniform is available to buy. The T-shirts are £4 and sweatshirts are £6.50 or you can get a pack of 2 T-shirts and 1 sweatshirt for £13. We also have some canvas bags with the pre-school logo on that cost £1.50.

Communication: All parents should now be receiving communications by email which has really helped reduce preschools costs. Please keep us updated should your address change. Also, all events and news are posted on our facebook page so please 'like' us to keep up to date.

Parent Rotas: The Preschool staff very much appreciates the help given by parents and carers. All our sessions are very busy so if any parents can offer their time, **even just for the last 30 minutes to wash up** it would be a great help.

Puzzle Wood – Friday 28th June

This year we are heading to Puzzlewood for our Pre-school Summer outing. There will be a 'Puzzlewood' led adventure in the woods, there are also indoor mazes to explore, we can meet the animals, discover the willow maze and outdoor playground and then picnic in the grounds. For more information please see the notice board. **Please note – Preschool will be closed on this day**

Committee Members:

We are looking for new committee members from September as children move onto school and parents leave. It is a commitment but good fun and sociable. If you are interested in finding out more please pass your details to Debra and a committee member will be in touch. There are various roles and without the committee Preschool cannot run. Please get in touch.

If you have any queries or problems please speak to Debra or one of her team, pre-school have an open house policy and are always happy for you to come into a session to help out or just observe. You are also more than welcome to talk to any member of the committee.

Tutshill Community Pre-School Committee

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 22nd June – Preschool Open Morning for prospective children

Friday 28th June – Preschool day out to Puzzle Wood (**Preschool will be closed on this day**)

Sunday 14th July – Tutshill Fun day 12 – 5pm

Friday 19th July – Last day of term

Remaining Term and Holiday Dates 2013

Summer Term Term ends	Friday 19 th July
Autumn Term Term begins <i>Inset day</i> Half Term Term Ends	Wednesday 4 th September <i>Monday 7th October</i> Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November Friday 20 th December