



## Newsletter March 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our March Pre-school Newsletter.

**Welcome to Melanie Walton:** We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Melanie, who joined our Pre-school on 7<sup>th</sup> January. Melanie holds Level 6 Early Years Professional Status. Prior to working with us at Pre-school she has been a very successful childminder, holding a Degree in Psychology, with background in nursing/as a Health Visitor. Melanie's wealth of knowledge and experience will be very welcome in the continued development of our Pre-school.

**New Website:** We are pleased to announce our new website has now been launched. Please log on and have a look. We have included a calendar which will be updated with up and coming and a facebook link which will also be updated regularly.

**Forest Schools:** We have now started to a run forest school session once a week. This allows the children to embrace the outdoors as a natural learning environment focused on the Childs learning needs rather than specific outcomes. The forest school is located at Tutshill School.

**Notice Board:** Please take a moment to have a look at our whiteboard in the entrance. We'll be keeping you up to date with what fun activities your children will be participating in each week at Pre-school.

**Health & Safety Reminders.** We would ask that your child/children do not climb on the railings or onto the gardens outside the building. Also Please be aware of vehicles and pedestrians using the car park – especially at peak times.

**Thank you:** A huge thank you to all of you who gave donations for **our table top sale** in February (raising nearly £60 for Preschool & Babies & Toddlers Group) and for book donations and contributing to fancy dress on **World Book Day** earlier this month (raising £37 for Preschool). Your help and support is very much appreciated! We would also welcome the opportunity to thank those of you who have shopped **at Waitrose, Monmouth** – we have recently been awarded £248 via their Community Matters scheme. **THANK YOU!**

**JAM JARS!** Please can you leave any clean, straight sided jam jars at Pre-school over the next few weeks? The children will be growing beans in them after Easter

**Fundraising Events:** As a charity Pre-school relies on fundraising events to buy new equipment and resources. We appreciate and rely on all support from parents both helping and attending the events. So a please keep it coming. Our next event is showing Disney 's Frozen at the Drill Hall in Chepstow/

**Parent Help:** The Pre-school 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.

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

W/C 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parent meetings (rising 3's)

21<sup>st</sup> March – Sport Relief

27<sup>th</sup> March – Special Person's Tea

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Fayre

5<sup>th</sup> April – 'Frozen' at the Drill Hall

### Term 4 2014

<b>Term 4</b>	
Term begins	24 <sup>th</sup> February
Term Ends	4 <sup>th</sup> April
Good Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Term 5</b>	
Term begins	22 <sup>nd</sup> April
May Day	5 <sup>th</sup> May/ 6 <sup>th</sup> May (Pre-school Closed)
Polling Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> May(Pre-school Closed)
Term ends	23 <sup>rd</sup> May

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