



# Pre-School News

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012

## A half term gone already!

What a lovely half term we've had getting to know all the new children and families.

Our role-play area has been very popular this term. We have had lots of fun going to space, working on the farm and camping out with a campfire at the park.

The children have been up to the church to see the harvest display, they have planted winter plants out the front, we have tested out the new play equipment at the park, we have done lots of cooking (including our harvest lunch), we have learnt lots of new songs and the children have enjoyed our new garden blackboard.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with the library and to those who have signed up to offer many talents and skills this year. A big thank you as well, to all those who helped with the Bazzumble at the Baptist Church. Over £400 was raised for the pre-school, which will be spent on some new ICT equipment for the children as well as a musical addition to the garden.

## Coffee mornings

Hopefully you will have all received your invitation to your child's colour group coffee morning. It would be great to see you all there with your children, as parents and staff have found them to be wonderful opportunities to chat about your child's progress as well as meet the other children and parents in your colour group. We value your input and feedback so we encourage parents to jot down any thoughts to add to our observation and progress files.

Green Group	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Wilson Room
Red Group	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Wilson Room
Blue Group	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Wilson Room
Purple Group	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	EYSC Building

## Computer Xplorers

Last year, school leavers were offered the opportunity to take part in the Computer Xplorers Club for an additional fee. The club is run by an outside organisation and introduces children to the ICT skills they need in readiness for school as well as support the other areas of learning e.g. literacy, creative arts, and maths. Feedback from parents at the AGM was good and it was decided that the club would be offered again in January to the school leavers.

In the next half term we will be asking parents to express their interest in the club so that we can find a day that suits the most children. To find out more about the club the website is

[www.computerxplorers.co.uk](http://www.computerxplorers.co.uk).

The cost of the club was about £4.50 a session with the possibility of running for one or two terms depending on the interest it receives.

## Reminder about snack

Please could I remind parents and carers that we ask for children to bring in a **fruit** or **vegetable** snack. We provide toast, rice cakes or crackers for children if they want it after they've had their fruit or vegetable.

## Lost Property

Please could you make sure that all your children's belongings are named (especially jumpers), as we already have quite a collection on the lost property pegs.

## Half term planning

Week 1	<b>Bonfire Night Theme</b> NO SNACK NEEDED ON MONDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER as we will be having a hot dog snack round the bonfire (not a real one).
Week 2 and 3	<b>People Who Help Us</b> We will be having visits from the ambulance, fire service and police over the two weeks. Any ideas or resources you can lend would be much appreciated.
Week 4-6	<b>Christmas</b> We will be practising our nativity play as well as getting busy with our Christmas goody bags

## Baker's Child

As always, we ask different parents to help make or buy 20 cakes or biscuits each to sell with their children at 12.15pm. Please come at 12pm to help your child set up the table and display the cakes. We charge cakes at 20p and we usually sell out, which raises a nice amount of money for Rainbow's each term.

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Lola Lily Greg
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Matthew Stanley Millie
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Isabelle Pippa Lewis
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Calli Daniel Heath
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Roxy Holly Jack G

## Rainbow Bear

Rainbow Bear has had some lovely trips home with children this half term. See below for the list of lucky children to have him next half term.

Mon 5 Nov - Thur 8 Nov	Alissa
Fri 9 Nov - Mon 12 Nov	Rebecca
Mon 12 Nov - Thur 15 Nov	Acen
Fri 16 Nov - Mon 19 Nov	Lola
Mon 19 Nov - Thur 22 Nov	Niamh
Fri 23 Nov - Mon 26 Nov	Louis
Mon 26 Nov - Fri 30 Nov	Jack B
Fri 30 Nov - Mon 3 Dec	Thomas
Tue 4 Dec - Fri 7 Dec	Joseph
Mon 10 Dec - Thur 13 Dec	Henry

## Sound and Song of the week

Each week we talk about a different sound of the week as an introduction to phonics. The sound of the week basket by the name tree can be filled with objects that children find starting with that sound. Why not see what you can find at home with your child to bring in? e.g. A - an apple.

<b>Week commencing</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Song</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> November	C, K	Christmas Nativity Songs!!
12 <sup>th</sup> November	E	
19 <sup>th</sup> November	H	
26 <sup>th</sup> November	R	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	D	
10 <sup>th</sup> December	G	

## Nativity

Parents will be given more information nearer the time but please put the dates in your diary as we will need ALL CHILDREN to attend the dress rehearsal and the performance. The dress rehearsal will be on the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December and the performance will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please let Jayne or Emily know if your child will not be able to attend, as we are already planning and preparing parts and costumes.

## Committee notes

### Pot of Gold

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, the planned new Pot of Gold draw will NOT start in October. We will continue with the current Pot of Gold draw until the end of December with the possibility of starting a new draw in January.

## DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee mornings: Mon - Green group Tue - Red group Wed - Blue group Fri - Purple group
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Father Christmas at the Old Rectory
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Dress rehearsal
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Our famous Curry and Quiz Night Details to be confirmed
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Church service - all invited
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term Christmas party for children in that day