

Newsletter

July 2013



Dear Parents,

GOODBYE!

It is that time again! The end of yet another academic year. On Friday of this week we will be saying a fond farewell to 47 children who are leaving us to start 'big school'. Thanks to your superb support of our sponsored 'Wilberforce' walk, these children will have lots of fun with the entertainer before their 'Graduation ceremony'.

***REMINDER* There are NO preschool sessions on Friday 19th.**

Once again we have had a very busy year and everyone has been working hard to continue with the 'Outstanding' care and education we offer every child that attends our preschool. We are a fully inclusive pre-school and very proud to be so. Congratulations go to Karen Ward and Judith Michell who completed their level 3 Diploma earlier this year.

The highlight of the year, apart from the summer deciding to finally arrive, is our recent recognition from Ofsted and the coverage in not only the local press but also the Telegraph and the Daily Mail. To be highlighted as one of only ten early years settings nationally to be published by Ofsted to support their good practice report: **Getting It Right First Time**, is extremely rewarding. To achieve this level of recognition takes a lot of hard work, commitment and dedication by all of the staff team. As the report says, "staff work exceptionally hard, with some routinely working over their contracted hours to ensure that the learning environment and provision continue to be outstanding".



THE PRESCHOOL TEAM

THE STAFF

Manager/SENCO - Heather Clarke

Deputy/Health and Safety Officer – Rita Attwell

Supervisor/Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer – Wendy Lewis

Assistants – Lisa Sims, Maria Wilson, Sarah Naylor, Judith Michell,

Karen Ward, Kirsten Turner, Katy Warran, Karen Edwards

Carol Wadey and Theresa Parsons

Admin Assistant – Lisa Taylor

Bank Staff – Cherrylyn Adlam

Carol Wadey will be leaving us on Friday as she will be taking up teacher training in September. Maria Wilson will also be leaving us as she has taken a position at a smaller playgroup. Maria has been with us for 5 years. I would also like to thank Cherrylyn Adlam who has been a very valuable member of staff helping to maintain our staff levels during this very busy summer term. Cherrylyn brought 11 years experience to us. We thank them all and wish them well in their new ventures.

THE PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairperson – James Waters

Treasurer – Amy Trice

Secretary – Claire Copleston

Clare Gibby

Karen Duneclift

Julie Smart

Our AGM is on 13th November when a new committee will be elected. Most of our current committee will be stepping down because they will no longer have a child at preschool. If you have not already shown an interest in joining the committee but would like to do so please send me an e-mail and further information can be sent to you.

The preschool would have to close without a committee, regardless of being an 'Outstanding' preschool. There are many ways you can get involved as a committee member, helping in pre-school sessions, and supporting Heather in the running of the pre-school. We also need parents help with the fundraising. I would like to thank our current committee for their commitment this year.

FUNDRAISING

SPONSORED WALK

Thank you to all the families that have supported our sponsored 'Wilberforce' Walk. Despite the weather not being too kind to us, we did finally manage to get all the children out hunting for the 25 missing jars of honey. **So far you have raised over £800 which is FANTASTIC!**

DEPOSITS

Thank you also to the families who have donated their £50 refundable deposit to preschool funds.

Without families supporting us in this way we would be unable to have a Christmas party, give birthday books, have a graduation ceremony, supply Learning Journal books or buy new equipment and resources. Once again thank you for all your support.

DAD'S / GRANDDAD'S ONLY WEEK

This week was very well supported with 30 dads' / granddad's visiting. The children loved having you here and we look forward to seeing you again if your child will still be with us in September.

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Karen Ward, Katy Warran,

Bank Staff – Kirsten Turner and Theresa Parsons

Lunch Link – Kirsten Turner and all other staff on a rota system

Admin Assistant – Lisa Taylor

**TERM DATES
2013-2014**



Autumn Term 2013
2nd September – 13th December
Half Term **28th October – 1st November**
Christmas Party – **16th December**



Spring Term 2014
6th January – 4th April
Half Term **17th – 21st February**



Summer Term 2014
22nd April – 18th July
Half Term **26th – 30th May**
Graduation Day 18th July (to be confirmed)

LOST PROPERTY

Have you checked the lost property box lately? Any lost property not collected will be donated to charity. Staff will be at preschool on Monday of next week (22nd) if you wish to come and check the lost property box. This will be your last chance to look!

PRE-SCHOOL UNIFORM

If your child is leaving us and you do not have anyone to pass their uniform onto, would you like to donate it to preschool? This helps us raise a little extra money as we will sell it on as second hand.

YOUR VIEWS

Since September 2012 we have been sending out newsletters and updates via e-mail to save on our stationary and printing costs. Whenever an e-mail has been sent we do display an E-MAIL alert notice in the window. I am currently reviewing this and would appreciate any feedback.

E-mail

southwaterpreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Web site address – CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

www.southwaterpreschool.org

Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday and good luck to all of the children starting school in September.

Heather Clarke

Pre-School Manager

On behalf of The Team

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