

TURVEY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Newsletter.....September 2010

Welcome back to everyone as we settle into a new term and a new year and an especially big welcome to all our new children and their families. This term we have 17 new children joining us, most have already started and are settling in well.

Committee/AGM/Treasurer wanted.....We are a voluntary-run pre-school and invite all parents to be involved in the running of the group. Without you we can't operate! Our AGM is coming up soon when we elect our new committee. We already have volunteers for Chair and Secretary but we need to find a new Treasurer. This is a vitally important role and could be shared. To find out more please speak to Debora Morley, our Acting Chair and Lily's mum (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). We will also need new committee members to join us at the AGM. Please think seriously about this – feel free to chat to Debora, Rebecca or Maria to find out more. Without a committee and designated officers we would be under threat of closure.

Fundraising is of great importance to our pre-school. This is how we fund the purchase of new equipment and resources for the children and look to improve our pre-school. Last year all our efforts went towards the central heating and the front garden area. In the summer term the fundraising group successfully raised just over £500 with handprints for Father's Day and the blue bag collection being our main 'earners'. This term there's lots planned – two key events being a **Valuations Day by an auctioneer from Bonhams on 16 October** (see poster for details) and our **Christmas Shopping Night on 22 November**. We will also be providing refreshments at **Turvey Fireworks Night on 6 November** (a few helpers still wanted). There will be another **blue bag collection on 14 November** and we are lucky to also have **hand-made greetings cards on sale** in pre-school (£1 each), kindly donated by Sheila Young (Jacob's nanny). Our thanks go to the fundraising group for organising these activities and to everyone who supports them. Please continue to support our fundraising – it's for your child.

Session attendance after Christmas – if you'd like to increase your child's attendance, please let Rebecca know as soon as possible. Space is very limited but we always do what we can to meet your requirements. A letter will be following shortly.

Foxgloves respite home for children is threatened with closure. A past parent who has benefitted from this important resource has brought in a petition as part of a campaign against its closure. If you'd like to sign this, please do. It is next to the greetings cards box.

Dates for your diary

7 October – Coffee morning

16 October- Valuations Day

20 October – Autumn Walk

21 October AGM

w/c 25 October Half term

1 November – Closure day

10 November Committee meeting

14 November – Blue bag collection

14 December (pm) tbc – Nativity play

16 December (pm) - Christmas party

16 December – End of term

What are we doing at pre-school?

Well, to start with it's 'All about me', as we think and talk about our bodies, how we feel, our favourite things, our homes and families. We are using games and action songs to learn about our body parts and what they are called and the children have been using the camera to take photos of each other for our wall display -it would be great if you could bring in any family photos to add to this and also add any favourite things to our table display. The children will be encouraged to do labels for these. We are also using group time to talk about our families and sharing news from home. Later on we will be looking at Autumn and how things are changing around us. We are planning a walk for everyone, children and families, so let's hope the weather will be kind to us then.

Ad hoc sessions and lunches – Our sessions and lunches are almost full this term so if you'd like any extra time at pre-school for your child, please check the noticeboard outside and sign up for any sessions/lunches you would like. If you are going to be away or your child is ill, please let us know – it might be useful to someone else! Please remember that payment is due on the day for ad hoc attendance.