



END OF TERM NEWSLETTER 2013

Well, here we are again, the end of another Pre School year, and what a year it's been! We were really struggling last September with so few children and very little money! With HUGE efforts from staff, committee and parents we have turned Pre School around and it is now in a much better position. We held a favours Auction which raised just over £6000 (still can't believe that figure), an open day, the usual nearly new sales and other fundraising events. They didn't just raise money, they also raised awareness of Pre School in and around the village resulting in regular enquiries and new children starting. Even with the children going to Big School in September we will still have about 16 children for the start of the new Pre School year, this is BRILLIANT.

So before anything else an ENORMOUSLY HUGE THANK YOU from staff, committee and parents to each other for all the hard work, time and late nights spent on getting this far. Also thank you to the husbands and wives for putting up with the hard work, time and late nights!!!

BIG CHANGES

A big change for Pre School from September is the new afternoon sessions. Monday and Wednesday afternoons for now, with the possibility of Fridays in the future if all goes well. We will also be taking children from the age of 2 rather than 2½, there is a possibility of funding for 2 year olds so have a chat with staff if you are interested.

WITTEENIES

With the new afternoon sessions in place Witteenies (toddlers) will be moving from Wednesday afternoons to Thursday afternoons. As the 'golden age lunch club' have the hall once a month on Thursdays we will have 3 toddler sessions in the hall then 1 elsewhere. The pub garden worked very well recently!!! Not so good in the winter but that can be decided when we get there - don't want to think about cold weather now!

FOREST SCHOOL

The site is looking great, wild but still child friendly! We now have a willow den and the trees we planted are growing well. Unfortunately the den was vandalised recently, so if you plan to go during the holidays and notice any more damage please email Angela (amgreen@vodafoneemail.co.uk).

OPEN DAY

Unfortunately it rained all day! Even so a few parents and children came along and we have some new children signed up. Once again parents commented on how friendly and approachable the staff are and how welcoming our Pre School is. Well done Vicky, Sara and Chris for such a lovely atmosphere. The next Open day will be in September and will take place in an afternoon session, so if you know anyone that might be interested let them know.

SPORTS DAY

No Olympics this year but just as brilliant! The parents races were as eventful as ever, so much competition, did Vicky not tell you it's taking part that counts!!!

It's lovely to see such huge smiles on the childrens faces as they cross the finish line, first or last, doesn't make any difference, but still huge smiles. The staff were so busy with the children that they didn't have a chance to take any photos, so sorry for no pictures here! If anyone has any pictures they don't mind sharing please email them to me and I can pass them on to Pre School for their records.

FAVOURS AUCTION Saturday 20 July

The big fundraising event of the year is almost here, if you haven't bought a ticket yet see Vicky at Pre School. Tickets are £5 which includes a free drink and nibbles. Have a look at Pre Schools website for all the details of lots to be auctioned and raffle prizes. www.longwittenhampreschool.co.uk

We've got a few more tickets and it would be lovely if some more Pre School parents could be there. Last year was great fun, nothing like those daytime TV auction programmes! We have over 50 lots, a silent auction, the raffle and a live auction. There is something that will appeal to everyone with the chance of grabbing a real bargain.

LEAVERS PARTY

This years leavers party will be at Forest School this Thursday. Staff will take the children down as usual, then parents can join in at 11.15. Bring a picnic and stay as long as you like, last year was a bit damp but this time make sure you bring your hats and suncream! Staff will leave at about 11.40 and will bring children to The Cross as usual for parents not joining the session.

DON'T FORGET, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS THE LEAVERS PARTY, PRE SCHOOL DOESN'T FINISH UNTIL FRIDAY.

BIRTHDAYS



Lots of birthdays in the holidays!

Harvey, Evie and Florence will be 3. Riley and Jayden will be 4. Joshua has just had his birthday, he was 4 too. Hope you had and will have FANTASTIC birthdays

And now the sad bit we will be saying goodbye to some of our children this week as they will be going to Big School in September. It's always a sad time, but exciting too as their school journey takes another step.

So, it's goodbye and good luck to Abigail, Charlotte, Georgia, Emme, Joshua, Riley and Jayden who are all going to Long Wittenham School and Jake who is going to Marsh Baldon School. Have a fantastic time at Big School, we will miss you all.

So that's it, have a fantastic Summer holiday, see you in September!!!

TERM DATES

Term 1 2013/14 Wednesday 4th September - Friday 25th October

No Pre School on Friday 4th October