



Edlesborough Under 5's

NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2011

PRESCHOOL SESSIONS AND LUNCH CLUBS

LUNCH CLUB

If your child is entitled to funding we can include full term booked lunch clubs in their funding subject to the maximum 15 hours per week and providing they start the lunch club by the 2nd week of the term. For non funded children, the cost is £2.03 per lunch club if booked for the term. Adhoc lunch club bookings cost £2.50 per lunch club subject to spaces being available. If you wish to book an adhoc lunch club, then please arrange this with Tina. Payment is due when booking. Please remember that you will need to supply a packed lunch for all lunch clubs your child attends

PRE-SCHOOL IS OPEN ON THE MORNING ON 26TH APRIL 2011

Pre-school would normally be closed on this day as it is a school inset day. However due to funding rules (for funded children) we have to be open for 38 weeks of the year for a minimum of 3 days a week. So to comply with this regulation we will be open for all on the morning session (no lunch club) **only** on 26th April. Please make a note in your diary!.

BOOK BAGS

We are introducing book bags for all the children at pre-school shortly and would ask parents to purchase a book bag + reading record book (£2.50 from pre-school). We would like each child to have a book bag as we will soon be sending books home with your child on a regular basis. The book bags will help protect the books and make the children feel "grown up" with this special bag. We will also be sending home a reading record book for you to complete to provide simple feedback on your child's experience of the book to aid communication with pre-school. We will also be sending home letter sheets for practice at home (for the older children) in a cardboard folder (supplied by pre-school). Please could you ensure you purchase a book bag for your child as soon as they are available. Additional information about these new developments will follow e.g. simple tips for reading at home with your child



PARENT HELP – if you are down as Parent Help and you have any problems on the day which means you will not be able to do your session please can you ring the Pre-school mobile phone and speak to Tina, Alison or Lindsay rather than ringing Martine McAuliffe (as she will be starting shifts at 7.00am soon and will not be in).



REMINDERS/PLEAS

☺ Please can all parents/carers remember to complete the signing in and out book and also enter who is collecting your child if it is not you.

☺ Please check parent folder, on table, for letters and information

☺ Please park safely/legally when dropping off/ collecting from pre-school.

☺ Please remember your child's fruit or vegetable donation each session or 20p money donation for each session. Please note if your child is doing a whole day i.e. 2 sessions you hope you provide 2 pieces of fruit or 40p.

☺ IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD OR COMMENTS REGARDING PRE-SCHOOL, PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD'S KEY WORKER, THE LEADER OR FILL OUT A COMMUNICATION FORM (FOUND ON THE PARENTS INFO BOARD).

☺ Pre-school T-shirts are available for purchase for only £5 – saves best clothes from messy fun!

☺ We accept ACCOR, Sodexo, Leap frog and Busy Bees childcare vouchers from those parents who have to pay fees. Please let Colin Needham (Assistant Treasurer) know if you wish to pay by this method. If you have childcare vouchers with a different company, please let Colin know as we will look into registering with the voucher company.

☺ Check the board for the Themes for each week of the term and how you can help by bringing things in from home.

☺ Pre-school Web site: www.edlesboroughunder5s.org.uk

☺ THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PRE-SCHOOL IS:
07854 939226

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2011	Friday 8 April	Pre-school closes for Easter
Summer Term 2011	Tuesday 26 April	Pre-school open am but closed pm !!
	Wednesday 27 April	Pre-school re-opens
	Friday 27 May	School closes for half-term
	Monday 6 June	Pre-school re-opens
	Friday 22 July	Pre-school closes for Summer
Autumn Term 2011	Wednesday 7 Sept	Pre-school re-opens
	Friday 21 October	Pre-school closes for half-term
	Monday 31 October	Pre-school re-opens
	Friday 16 December	Pre-school closes for Christmas

(All our open/closure dates are in line with Edlesborough School)

PRE-SCHOOL CLOSED THURSDAY 5TH MAY – HALL IS BEING USED AS POLLING STATION !

The pre-school has to shut on Thursday 5th May as the hall needs to be used as a polling station on that day (part of the terms of our agreement to use the village hall). Pre-school has planned for all children starting school in September 2011 to have a leaver's trip on that day (more details on the trip will follow shortly). But pre-school will NOT be open for the younger children who are not due to start school in September.

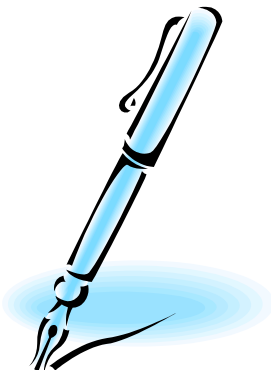
DRESSING UP FUN ON 26TH, 27TH, 28TH APRIL FOR ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS !

The children are welcome to dress up in red, white or blue clothing on these days as pre-school will be having "street parties" at snack time to celebrate the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April (closed that day as a bank holiday!).

PARENT FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

We have circulated a parent feedback questionnaire. One has been sent to each parent who has a child attending pre-school. **If you have not already completed a questionnaire please can you do as soon as possible? It is really important that you complete the form** and return to Angela Ellis Paine for 2 reasons:-

1. Your views will help shape our plans to develop and improve pre-school in the future. It also lets us know what we are getting right but also things we may need to change. Your feedback is really valuable to us!
2. You might win a prize! When you complete the forms and return them to us we will enter your name into a prize draw – the prize is beautiful "Jamie at Home" candles.



FUNDRAISING



THINKING ABOUT GETTING SOME SPRING BEDDING PLANTS ?

Pre-school will shortly be getting some order forms from Garden Scene for Spring bedding plants – commission from the sale of the plants will go towards our pre-school. So if you want to brighten up your garden for Spring and raise funds for pre-school at the same time this is the perfect solution. Order forms will be available shortly.



PRE-SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS PLANNED FOR TUESDAY 3RD MAY

A photographer will be coming to pre-school on Tuesday 3rd May. She will take individual shots of the children, a group shot of everyone and a “leavers” group shot. You will be able to see the photo's of your children to decide if you would like to purchase any pictures and commission on any purchases will go towards raising funds for pre-school. More details regarding timings will follow.



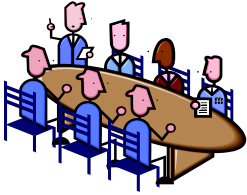
EASTER EGG HUNT CANCELLED

Unfortunately we will not be holding the Easter Egg Hunt this year as due to the dates for the school holidays and where Mother's Day falls there is no suitable dates where we can assume there will be good enough attendance to make organising the event worthwhile



SUCCESS OF QUIZ NIGHT

A big thank you to all who came and supported our Quiz Night – it was a big success – all the tickets were sold out really quickly. The amount raised for pre-school from this event was £770.



PRE-SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We are **a charity and we cannot operate without our committee.** Committee positions are voluntary and can be shared. It would be great if some new parents could come forward and get involved, especially if your child/ren are going to be with us for some time. Meetings are held once every half term and it is a great opportunity, especially if you are new to pre-school, to meet other parents and play a big part in the decisions made which will ultimately affect your child/ren. If you would like more information on each role or can help out in any other way please speak to a Committee or Staff member. It would be fantastic if you could give some time to helping pre-school. It really is a great way to get to know other parents better and help out your local community.

A big thank you to Angela Ellis Paine for taking on the role of registrations from Sue Pickering. Thank you to Sue for doing such a fantastic job with registrations over the past few years. We are very grateful for all your hard work and support!

Another big thank to Colin Needham for taking on the role of Assistant Treasurer from Tracy Moren. Tracey Moren is currently handing over her role to Colin. Thank you Tracey for all your hard work in undertaking this role for the last few years even though Tamsin was no longer at pre-school.

We would also like to thank Anna Colclough, Lizz Youngs and Lindsay Abbot for joining our committee, it is great to have such enthusiastic new members.

Although we have had an influx of new members we are still desperate for some more parents to come forward to take over from our fundraising team who will be leaving at the end of July. If you are interested in getting involved in fundraising please feel free to discuss it further with Becca, Elke, Claire or Kath. There is still chance to shadow the existing members to get a feel for the role before they leave!!.

PRE-SCHOOL NON ATTENDANCE - It is essential that you contact us if your child is not able to come to their pre-school session, e.g. through illness/holiday. To allow us to claim funding we must record the reason for all absences otherwise funding could be clawed back. This also applies to the lunch clubs. Please contact Alison or Lindsey on 07854 939226 and leave a message so records can be amended accordingly.

PARENTS YAHOO GROUP - The Yahoo Group is an important tool for us to get information to parents, and for parent discussion and ideas, so please sign up to receive and send emails – it only takes a few minutes. For information please contact Steve Moren on steve@moren.co.uk or Tracey Moren.

SUPPLIES/DISCOUNTS – If you can help with supplies for pre-school, e.g. paper, pens, card, paints, glue, craft items etc. or are able to get a discount at a store that may help us get something we need cheaper, then please let us know.