



# Bear Flat Pre-School

## Registered Charity No. 1066705

Newsletter – February 2010

### Welcome

Hello to all the new parents and carers who have children who started the pre-school in January, and welcome back to existing ones.

### Well done!

Thanks must go to everyone who made the Christmas Fair such a success. It raised £496.36 for the pre-school which will go directly into investing in new toys, books and equipment for the children. Thank you!

### Forthcoming events

- Please make a note in your diary for the **'Mark Making Workshop'**. It's on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 9.30am - 10am at pre-school and all parents and carers are welcome - a great chance to play with your child as they start to learn about forming letters.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - 31<sup>st</sup> March. Look out for more details on the noticeboard soon; there may even be a chance for older siblings to join in too.
- **Spring Fair** - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Lots of pre-loved toys, books, homemade cakes, jams and jellies needed. A great fundraiser for the pre-school. All donations gratefully received.
- **Photographer**. - Term 6. Details will be publicised nearer the time.

### New Staff

A warm welcome to our new member of staff Victoria who has joined the pre-school team this term.

### Helping out rota

As there is new member of staff, it is no longer as essential to have a parent helping out during pre-school sessions too. However, the rota will still be there and we would ask everyone to note down the day they are on, as you may be needed on a 'standby' basis.

### Learning diaries

Please remember to ask to see your child's learning diary/folder. They're full of lovely photos, observations and evidence of the progress they're making.

### Show and tell

Lots of the children love to take part in 'Show and tell' each day. It gives them a chance to contribute to their time in the 'quiet room' with Sandra and is an effective confidence builder. This term has concentrated on 'Colours'. Future themes for each week will be on the noticeboard.

## Lunch Club

For children who are starting school in September, there will soon be the opportunity to come to Lunch Club. This runs on Wednesdays during Terms 5 and 6 (starting on 21<sup>st</sup> April) from 12 noon until 1pm. They should bring along their own packed lunch and it is part of preparing children for school, getting them used to eating with other children, away from the home environment. The cost is £4.00 per week; please see Noya if you'd like your child to join in.

## Mobile Number

In an emergency if you need to contact Sandra/Lorraine during pre-school and are unable to contact them by landline due to them being outside with the children please phone the mobile on **07504 780629**.

## Wow Sheets

Have you noticed your child telling you about rhyming words at the start of this term? Or identifying things by colour? Fill out a wow sheet straight away! Rhymes and colours are topics covered by Sandra recently and it's great to hear children using them at home. In fact, you can do wow sheets for any new thing your little one achieves at any time. They're great to add to their learning diaries. Just bring them to pre-school **dated** and with your **child's name** on. The wow sheets are usually located at the entrance door.

## Snow days

With the recent extreme weather conditions causing schools and pre-schools to close, it is worth reminding everyone that if you need to check whether pre-school is open or closed on days like these, you can check the website [www.bearflatpreschoo.co.uk](http://www.bearflatpreschoo.co.uk) or phone Sandra in the morning on 01225 423736. Alternatively, call the pre-school after 9am and if there's no reply, it's not open!

**REMINDERS:** If you have any queries or concerns please ask, Sandra is always available. If your child feels poorly before pre-school please keep them at home for the morning. If they are **sick** or have **diarrhoea**, please keep them at home for **48 hours**. Please take your child to the **toilet** before saying goodbye - it makes such a difference for staff and leaves more time for the children to play, learn and have fun. Also do remember to bring a change of **shoes** if your little one likes to come to pre-school in wellies, and a suitably warm **coat** for playing outside.  
**TERM DATES:** We break up on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** and return after the holidays on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**.

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