



Bear Flat Pre-School Registered Charity No. 1066705

Newsletter – November 2009

Welcome

Hello to all new parents and welcome back to existing ones. We hope everyone had a great break. There are currently 26 children attending the pre-school, with more due to start in the new year.

Start getting excited about Christmas...

- Put the Christmas Fair in your diary now – it's **Saturday 12th December**, 10am – 12 noon. There will be toys and books etc for you to buy, lots of activities and stalls for children, yummy homemade cakes and produce, refreshments and, of course, the chance to meet Father Christmas.

We would love you to help with any of the following :

- Volunteers to look after stalls on the day – please look out for the list which will be pinned to the Pre-school entrance and write your name down.
- Are there any Dads or Grandads who fancy being Father Christmas?!
- Have a good de-clutter of your house before Santa brings even more stuff along! Any books (both children's and adult's) or toys you wish to donate (no videos or clothes please) can be dropped off at the Pre-school on **Friday 11th December, between 5pm and 8pm or Saturday morning 9am onwards.**

- We will also need cakes, cakes and more cakes! Both small ones to have with a coffee and large ones to sell whole please.
- The lovely 'homemade stall' will also be selling jams, chutneys, mincemeat, bread etc. so if you are making any yourself, any jars, loaves or rolls you could donate would be fabulous.
- Donations of bottles of wine would be really useful for the tombola.
- Also, do you have any old bottles of nail varnish you'd be willing to give or lend to the children's nail painting stall?
- Finally, does anybody have a Father Christmas outfit they'd be willing to lend for the day? Please see anyone on the committee if you can help with this.
- The Fair is a crucial fundraiser for the Pre-school, so please support it in any way you can.
- ***All donations will be gratefully received!***
- **Matched Funding**
Many companies offer to match any funds raised by their employees if they offer their own time in volunteering for events such as the Christmas Fair. It's a great way for them to contribute to vital community projects such as pre-schools. Does your employer do this? Does your partner's? Please find out and let us know as it's a fantastic way to boost any funds raised at these events.

Folders

A helping out session at the Pre-school is a great time to look through your child's folder and see how their progress and development is being recorded, but remember that you can see it at any time; just ask Sandra.

It's easy...

Thanks to 'Easyclick', every time you use search on our website, www.bearflatpreschool.co.uk, you raise money for the Pre-school.

New Staff

If you haven't already done so, please introduce yourself to Liz who has joined the pre-school team this term.

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

Remember to pick them up and take home and record anything outstanding or new that your child has done. Please bring them back to pre-school **dated** and with your **child's name** on and we will add them to their folder. The wow sheets are usually located at the entrance door.

Theme of the week

This term starts with the theme of **Autumn** - colours, leaves, bugs etc. Please see the noticeboard to see what the children will be concentrating on for forthcoming weeks.

The new committee members (all parents) held their first meeting last month.

They are:

Chairperson	Beccy Tarling	317356
Secretary	Fleur Cannadine	481190
Co-Treasurer	Mary Lynch	335656
Co-Treasurer	Roz McCabe	426410
Membership secretary	Noya Pawlyn	314496
Fundraiser (events)	Claire Laite	837741
Fundraiser (grants)	Sarah Bogg	834056
Website administrator	Beccy Tarling	317356
Member (Library)	Valerie Landry	463130
Member	Chloe Fletcher	443481

Photos of committee members will be on the noticeboard shortly so that you can put names to faces.

REMI NDERS: 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 **Wednesday 16th December** and return after the holidays on **Monday 4th January**.