



St Mary's Pre-School

Newsletter March 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to pre-school.

The **TERM DATES** for this academic year are:

Spring: 4th Jan - 26th Mar

Summer: 19th Apr - 16th July

Half Term 31st May - 4th June

During this term we will be encouraging the children to use the outdoor equipment so please bring coats, hats, gloves etc for your children.

FUNDRAISING as you are all aware is very important to the pre-school and we would like to thank everyone that gets involved in organising events and donating items. During the Spring half term we went to North Holmwood Fire Station, this was a great success with all spaces taken within only a few days of the sign up sheet going out. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, climbing in the fire engine and learning about fire safety, equipment and all getting the chance to spray the water from the engine. We made £90 and gave £20 to the fire station for the charity that they support as a thank you. **Annual Quiz night is on Friday 19th March**, it is a great night out for all to get together and have a giggle, the team list for sign up is up on the information board looking quite empty at the moment, but always better with the more the merrier!! During the **Easter Holidays is the very popular Easter Egg Hunt on Monday 5th April at 11.00am**, details have gone out and more will follow, all donations for small foil wrapped eggs need to be in by 25th March, thank you to those of you that have donated so far.

Sainsbury and Tesco voucher - please collect and save for St Mary's Pre-school. Both Sainsbury and Tesco have some really good items on offer so the more we can collect the more equipment we can get for the children. We would also like you to bring in any **old ink cartridges**, we can send them off and in return we get Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers.

LUNCH CLUB - if your child is staying for the lunch club on a Tuesday please do remember to pay as this is part of our fundraising and is an important part to the running of the pre-school. Also please can all lunch boxes be clearly named. Thank you

SPORTS RELIEF - we will be supporting sports relief in the next few weeks and in order to raise some money the children will be baking biscuits and cakes and then they will become shop keepers at collection time, for you to buy some items on your way in. This will be happening on Wednesday 17th March on both the morning and afternoon session and we will allow parent access half an hour prior to normal collection time. If you do not come in on a Wednesday and would still like to support Sports Relief, then please feel free to come in on the 17th to purchase.

HOLIDAYS season is coming up, so if you have a holiday booked for any time before the end of July please let the staff know.

SIBLINGS - if you are thinking of having a sibling start in September please do put their name down on the waiting list as we are currently quite full.

PRE-SCHOOL TOPS are available for purchase, T-Shirts £5 and sweatshirts £8, please ask Cathy for details.

Many thanks

Vicky Claxson
Chairperson