



St Mary's Pre-School

Newsletter November 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to St Mary's. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term, and are looking forward to an exciting and another successful 6 weeks up to Christmas. Before then we have plenty to fit in.

We would like to extend a special welcome to Sam Duncan, who have all joined us recently. We hope you will enjoy your time with us. Parents/Carers should have received a 'Welcome Letter' which details various routines, opening times and useful information for the Pre-School. If not, please let a member of staff know.

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

Autumn: 7/9/08 to 18/12/08

Spring: 4/1/09 to 26/3/09

Half term 15th to 19th February

Summer: 19/4/09 to 16/7/09

Half term 31st May to 4th June

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

The Photographer visited the pre-school on Wednesday 23rd September.

Thank you to everyone that purchased photos, this activity raised £153 for the pre-school.

The Autumn Trail took part during the October half term and we had a great turn out of 15 children and parents. The children thoroughly enjoyed decorating the boxes and collecting the items. Some sponsorship money has been coming in, but please can the remainder be in by Friday 20th November cash or cheque, whichever is easier for yourself. Thank you to all your support.

Our main event of the year is the **CHRISTMAS FAIR ON SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER**, we have been asking for a lot of items but, all that has been donated by all of you has been very much appreciated, so a big thank you. Also I would like to extend a special thank you to Nicky, Nicola, Maz, Kerry, Alison, Caroline, Donna, Sarah and to all the staff for co-ordinating the fair, collecting items and getting stall prepared.

With just this week to go there is only a couple more things we ask of you, please can any Adult hamper items come in, money from the sale of raffle tickets, cake/home industry items and lastly your support on the day, so bring along your family and friends, there is plenty for the children to do from games, face painting, crafts, lucky dip and Santa will be in his grotto from 11.15am to 12.15pm, don't forget to bring your letters along to give to Santa. For the adults this year we have some lovely stalls, selling jewellery, scarves, children's toys and gifts. There is a chance to win a turkey, a Christmas Cake (made by Sarah Jackson) and many great prizes in the raffle. All the money we raise at the fair will be going towards the new climbing frame.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday at the Fair, South Holmwood Village Hall, 11.00am to 1pm.

Christmas Nativity Play is on Tuesday 15th Dec in the Church in the morning followed by tea/coffee and mince pies in the pre-school. All children invited to attend along with parents and grandparents. Further details will follow.

PRE-SCHOOL TOPS are available for purchase, T-shirts £5 and sweatshirts £8, please ask Cathy for details. (Highly recommend to save getting home clothes messy)

Many thanks

Vicky Claxson
Chairperson