



## St Mary's Pre-School

## Newsletter September 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to St Mary's. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, are looking forward to an exciting and another successful year for the pre-school.

We would like to extend a special welcome to Mia Cooper, Emily-Mae Christmas-Fuller, Kieran Hammond, Callum Worrall, Evelyn Buckwell, Rebecca Dale, Reuben Pibean, Amy Rogers, Jasmine Worrall, Poppy Miles, Millie Shepherd, Bonnie Acres, Beth Richardson and Saba Jasem, 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.

Our new committee was elected in June I was lucky enough to be voted in as Chairperson for a second year. My name is Vicky Claxson and my son is Thomas, who attends on the morning session Mon - Thurs and a Friday afternoon. A list of other committee members is posted on the notice board along with news, relevant dates and information.

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

Autumn: 7/9/08 to 18/12/08  
Half term 26th to 31st October  
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

The staff would like to remind everyone not to arrive until 9.10am for the morning sessions and to please collect on time of 12.15pm especially for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions as the room needs to be tidied and set up for the afternoon sessions that start at 12.45pm. The staff also need to have their lunch!

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

**LUNCH CLUB** will be running on a Tuesday from 12.15 until 12.45pm. The cost is £1.50 per child. All money raised goes towards new toys and books for the children.

**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)

**THE PHOTOGRAPHER** will be visiting Pre-School on Wednesday 23rd September. If your child does not attend Pre-School on a Wednesday please bring them in after 11.45am. You may also arrange to bring siblings along for the photos if you wish.

**FUNDRAISING** is VERY important to the Pre-School as it helps us to buy new equipment and resources and funds outings and parties for the children. We ask that you help us in any way you can during the year/s with us. We have a very enthusiastic committee this year and we will be issuing a calendar of events for the year shortly. Last year we managed to raise a fantastic amount of £4,132.43, it would be great to match this again.

Our first fundraising event of the year is the Autumn Trail during the October half term (details to follow), our main event of the year is the **CHRISTMAS FAIR ON SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER (details will follow in baskets/on email)**, so please keep it free.

Many thanks

Vicky Claxson  
Chairperson