



Newton Solney Pre-School Newsletter

February 2012

Welcome to our February newsletter packed full of all our upcoming events. Following on from last terms theme of sounds, shapes & colours, this term we will be learning all about opposites.

First of all, we wanted to let you know how well the Rising Fives group behaved on their pre-Christmas outing to Findern Garden Centre. Both the centre and the bus passengers praised the children for their “beautiful behaviour”. The children enjoyed the option of a full English breakfast and enjoyed all the festive activities. A good time was had by all.

A big thank you to all of those who used Easyfundraising.org.uk for their Christmas shopping? It's an easy way to donate without costing you even a penny more than you are already spending. Just register with the site and select Newton Solney pre-school as your charity, then, every time you shop, log on to their website and follow their links to do your shopping as usual. Every time you shop in this way, the pre-school will benefit by a few pence which soon adds up to pounds for us to buy additional toys, books and resources for the pre-school.

In January, Rising-fives took part in the school's “India Day”, trying new foods (The poppadoms were VERY popular!), dressing up, learning about Indian culture and even partaking in a bit of Bollywood dancing! In fact, it was so much fun that we have decided that this year's “Parent's Meal” will also be along the Indian theme (Well we don't want the children having all the fun!). Our curry night will take place on Friday 2nd March at the Jaipur restaurant in Repton. If you would like to take part, please let a member of the committee know and secure your place with a five pound deposit. We hope you can join us!

SAVE THE DATE: Look out for details of our Pancake Day celebrations on the notice board as our Rising Fives will be joining with the school on Tuesday 21st February at 2pm. We are also hoping to have an Easter coffee morning from 10am – 11.30am on the last day of school before Easter (Friday 30th March). Please come and join us for a cuppa and a hot cross bun. We will confirm the details in the next newsletter.

Speaking of Easter, we would like to ask for donations of Easter eggs to the pre-school to be used as part of our Easter events. Easter eggs of all sizes would be very much appreciated.



Parking & traffic in Trent Lane is one again becoming an issue and we would like to remind parents and carers dropping off or picking up children of the voluntary one-way system from Blacksmiths Lane and exiting from Trent Lane if you are unable to avoid driving in this area. With regards to parking, both the Brickmakers Arms and the Unicorn are happy for their car parks to be used at school times. We would strongly urge you not to park in Trent Lane at all if possible as we would rather pupils arrive a few minutes late and in safety. We regret that the car park at the rear of the school is for staff only.

And finally, if anyone is replacing their laptop computer or has one not in use, we would be very grateful if you could pass your old, working, laptop on to the preschool for use by pupils.

Dates for your diary

9 th February	Last day before half-term
20 th February	Term begins.
2 nd March	Parents Meal at Jaipur, Repton.
12 th March	Pre-school committee Meeting – All parents & Carers welcome
30 th March	Easter Coffee morning
30 th March	Term Ends

Term Dates:

- 4th January 2012 to 9th February 2012
- 20th February 2012 to 30th March 2012
- 16th April 2012 to 1st June 2012
- 11th June 2012 to 20th July 2012

Team: Gill Williamson (Manager), Diane, Jill, Hilary, Joan, Sue, Elaine.

Pupils currently attending pre-school: Alexia, Anna, Archie, Ben, Betsy, Daniel, Enya, Ernest, George, Guy, Harrison, Harry, Hattie, Henry, Ieuan, Isobel, Maisie, Millie, Olivia, Reuban, Sprite, Stephanie