

**8.11.16**

**Bumbles Garden:-** Just in case you missed us in the local press we had our newly refurbished Bumbles Garden opened by Mr Fred Hanbury of the Witheridge Knights. This local fund raising group regularly support us with donations to be additional resources that may otherwise be out of our reach. Hopefully everyone will support their varied events over the course of the year to enable them to continue their good work.



**Fundraising :-**Many thanks to everyone who continues to support all our fundraising efforts both for the pre-school and external charities. We raised £76.23 with our McMillan Coffee afternoon, thank you to all those who made cakes or came along and helped or ate the cakes! The winner of the guess the cake decoration was Mrs Martin (Rory's Grandma) who guessed the number spot on with 495! Our Halloween Party was once again a great success, thanks to everyone involved.

**Christmas Fayre:-** Our next fundraising activity is the Christmas Fayre on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We still have space for some stalls if anyone knows anyone that needs an outlet for their creativity and earn some money for Christmas. There will be a Christmas Hamper please watch out for the donations sheet. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto, tickets are needed for this so his elves can make enough presents and these are available from staff @ £2.50 each.

**Easy Fundraising:-**As we all start our online shopping an excellent method of fund raising is to click on [www.eeasyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.eeasyfundraising.org.uk) and register with Witheridge pre-school, the retailers that you shop with then pay us for you shopping with them. Please do have a look as there are some amazing retailers signed up. A painless way of raising money for us!

**Hair straighteners:-**we have been asked to share the following statistics with you – they are rather alarming! We have unfortunately, in the past, been witness to a child that received burns from hair straighteners, they had not been left on the floor but the lead had been trailing and the child got caught up

in it and the straighteners then caused severe burns to the child's arm!

*"New research to mark National Burn Awareness Day reveals that nearly 1 in 10 parents of under-fives admit their child has suffered a serious burn from hair straighteners or tongs. The findings, from Electrical Safety First and the Children's Burns Trust, also show that serious burns from hair straighteners are to blame for 1 in 20 of all admissions to specialist paediatric burns units."*

**Parent contracts:-** Many thanks to everyone that has returned their new parent contracts, we do still have a few outstanding and we would be grateful if you could hunt them out and return them. If you are unable to locate them please ask for another one.

**Orbit:-** Thank you to everyone that has re accepted their invitation to join Orbit, hopefully you can all see the benefit of being able to access your child's learning journey online. If you haven't been able to re-join or need any support doing so please speak to a member of staff. If you have yet to be persuaded of the benefits of this please ask to see an existing child's Orbit profile to understand the benefits.

**Healthy portions:-** Yet again the media are highlighting the problems of childhood obesity. We are attaching a guide to healthy portions as many parents/carers worry their children are not eating enough whereas in reality they may well be eating too much of some food groups.

**AGM :-** In case you have missed the posters etc. our AGM is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7pm-9pm in the Hive, despite our healthy eating policy there will be treats available!

**Dates for the diary:-**

Children in Need – 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November 'Spottification'

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 12-3pm Parish Hall

God's Own Country-Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. (Sports Club, free pastry with entry)

Christmas lunch - Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performance - 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2.30

Christmas party - Friday 16th 10.30 -1

Last day of term 16th December -'Christmas Jumper Day'

Christmas Sleigh – 22<sup>nd</sup> December , 4.30 onwards

Last day of Buzz Club 23rd Dec

Buzz club re-opens 3rd Jan