



THORVERTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2012

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New Telephone number: 01392 861707

The children enjoyed a busy time in the run up to Christmas, Pennywell Farm was great fun with many of the children playing a part in the nativity, and the trip to the Chapel in Thorverton was enjoyed by all. This half-term we are learning about giraffes and safari animals, read our noticeboard to find out more...

Dates for your diary:

1. Half term: Mon 13 – Fri 14 Feb
2. Mon 20 Feb – Pre-school is open (school non pupil day)
3. Term ends: Fri 30 March
4. Summer term begins: Tue 17 April
5. Report & information sharing week: Mon 26 – Fri 30 March

Lunch Clubs

School lunches: Please see the menu on the pre-school board if you would like to order a freshly prepared meal for your child. The cost is £2.15, please try and have the correct money when you place your order – thank you.

Packed lunches: Don't forget to include an icepack to keep lunches fresh. Please remember our healthy eating policy and avoid sending sweets and chocolate for your child.

Report and Information Sharing Week:
26-30 March.

This week offers parents and carers the chance to meet with the pre school leaders and discuss your child's progress and ask any questions you may have...

REMINDERS

MORNING SESSIONS

9:00am – 11:45am

LUNCH CLUBS

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs

11:45am – 12:45pm

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Mon and Thurs

12:45pm – 3:15pm

During BAD WEATHER

For information on Pre-School Closure please visit our website (above) or tune in to Heart Radio station 96-107, www.heart.co.uk

CHILLY DAYS!

Please make sure your children are warmly dressed, and that they bring coats to pre-school sessions.

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T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

Available from Pre-School for £4.50 and £7

Parent Questionnaires.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire last term, as you'll know from the earlier start time in the morning, we've already started to make some changes as a result. We hope the gam start time is working better for our families, thank you to the staff for working with us on this change.

We are working towards making information more freely available (please check notice boards and children's trays daily), and more frequent contact with key workers a priority.

Otherwise the feedback was extremely positive with 92% feeling that both the 'overall quality' and 'facilities' of pre-school was either excellent or very good – well done to the staff and committee!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Christmas Craft Evening**, we had lots of fun and everyone left with a wreath creation that they were proud of! A special thank you to Elspeth Holmes who came along to give us some pointers, the evening added £200 to Pre-School funds which was great!

Our **Christmas Hamper** raised a wonderful £90 – thank you to Keeley for organising this, and for Becky's mum for selling lots of extra tickets at Thorverton's Saturday Market in December!

Thank you to everyone who donated old clothes to our **Ragbag** collection – we made a fantastic £129! Don't forget that we now have a clothes bin in the office and so we can accept clothes, shoes, hats, bags and material at any time.

We have a number of exciting fund-raisers planned for 2012 – keep an eye on the notice board for details of our netball tournament, pudding club, gardeners' question time and more! If you would like to get involved in any of our events please see Keeley, Faye or Rachel.

LEARNING THEMES...

This half term the children are learning about Safari animals and in particular giraffes.

Please have a look at the noticeboard for exciting ideas of ways in which you can explore these topics further with your child at home.

Parking.

We have been reminded by the School's Governor Body that parents can use the car park at the Memorial Hall and the Quarry car park at drop off and pick up time.

The school has had neighbours raising concerns about children's safety due to the amount of traffic driving up and down School Lane.

Please note that parents should not be turning their cars in private driveways along School Lane as this is leading to the deterioration of the drives.

Parent Partnership Project

We are taking part in a Parent Partnership Project run by Crediton Children's Centre. Each week we will be asking for a couple of minutes of your time to answer some simple questions about pre-school, the results will help inform us about changes you'd like to see happening at pre-school.

Next term the project will provide new learning resources for the children.

DON'T FORGET...Easy fundraising

If you buy anything on-line from places such as John Lewis, Argos, Amazon, Boots, Boden, Toys R Us etc, please register with: www.easyfundraiser.org.uk and up to 15% will be donated to Pre-School. Just choose Thorverton Pre-School as your cause and Buy, Buy, Buy!

Old Printer Cartridges

We have signed up to a printer cartridge recycling scheme to raise money. The scheme cannot take Epson, Brother or toner cartridges but all others. Please hand used cartridges to pre-school staff.

And finally, please can you make sure that you pay for any pre-school sessions promptly to help our cashflow! And on leaving pre-school please make sure that the door is properly closed and that the school gate is also firmly closed. Thank you so much!

