



# THORVERTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2013

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you all had a good Christmas break? A big welcome to our new children this term: Charlie, Isla, Elsa and Poppy. We've got another busy term planned for the children at pre-school, so please read on for all the essential information, and remember to check the information boards in the foyer for further messages. If you have any questions, speak to a member of staff, the committee or Vanessa, and as always we'd be grateful if you could support our fundraising events too!

## **Dates for your diary:**

1. Lambing Visit to Zachary's Farm: Tue 29 Jan, leave 9.15am
2. Pudding Club Night @ Memorial Hall on Sat 16 Feb
3. Half Term: Mon 18 – Fri 22 Feb
4. Non pupil day: Mon 25 Feb
5. PTFA Travelling Trends Fashion Show @ Memorial Hall on 5 March
6. Exeter Car Boot Sale: Sun 23 June

## **Fundraising Update**

A big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts in December; in person, by making yummy cakes or donating hamper goodies etc.

The Metal Detecting event was a great day and very successful raising almost £1400.

Our Christmas fundraising which included our Craft Evening, Festive Hamper, Christmas Cards, School Fayre, Tombola and New Year walk around together raised a further £733 !

The funds are vital to keeping pre school running smoothly, and we're also saving up for a wonderful new piece of equipment that will give the children a completely new space in which to play and learn...watch this space!

## **REMINDERS**

### **SESSION END TIMES**

Morning sessions end 11.45  
Lunch club ends 12.45  
Afternoon sessions end 3.15pm

**Please remember to collect your children promptly – thank you!**

### **LUNCH MONEY**

Payable in advance please and no later than the day the lunch is required.

We are unable to order lunches unless they have been paid for – £2.25.

### **PACKED LUNCHES**

Please make sure you provide a drink and spoon for yoghurts in your child's lunchbox.

### **PRE-SCHOOL T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS**

Available from Pre-School for £4.50 and £7

### **SNOWY DAYS!**

Please make sure your children are warmly dressed, and that they bring coats to pre-school sessions. Children can leave their own wellies at pre-school now, please make sure they are labelled.

## **LEARNING THEMES...**

This half the children are learning all about Shapes, colours and numbers and after half term we will be learning about sea life and pirates. We are also planning a trip to the National Marine Aquarium with Class 1 before Easter, more information to follow.

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.

### Exeter Car Boot Sale

Pre school has been selected to help out at the big car boot sale held at Matford on Sunday 23 June. We need at least 12 volunteers to help between 6am and 2pm, we'll take money on the gate and clear up at the end of the sale.

It's an early start but well worth it as we get a percentage of all monies taken on the gate, minimum of £400! If you think you can help out, please speak to Vanessa or a member of staff.

### ONGOING FUNDRAISING

Rag Bag collection: keep your unwanted clothes/shoes/hats/fabrics coming – we are due for another collection very soon.

Easy Fundraising : Remember when ordering online from Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Boden etc etc don't forget to sign up and use [www.easyfundraiser.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraiser.org.uk) – you just need to choose Thorverton Pre-School as your charity.

### LAMBING VISIT

We have been invited to visit Zachary Mildon's farm on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Jan to learn about lambing time.

We'll leave pre-school around 9.15, so please make sure you bring wellington boots, wear old clothes and wrap up warmly as it's quite muddy and cold. We'll be back at pre-school before the end of the morning session.

Mummy's and daddy's are invited too. Please remember that it is a working farm.

Sign up at pre-school.

### **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...

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you to everyone who returned their completed questionnaire. The results were really positive!

Everyone rated the overall quality of pre-school as 'excellent' and the facilities as either 'excellent' or 'very good'. Everyone agreed that the current opening hours suited their needs with a couple expressing interest in additional sessions; we shall continue to monitor this before making any changes.

Everyone used pre-school for 'social development' with a third also using it for the 'learning curriculum'. There were no suggestions for improvement – however if you think of something, please do speak to a member of staff or committee as we're always striving to offer the best pre school we possibly can.

### **And finally...**

Pre-school has a great selection of books and story sacks in the lobby that are free for families to borrow – please sign our borrowing book when you take them and return them as soon as you're finished.