

NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome back after the Christmas break. Our nativity was a lovely end to last term and what a wonderful time we all had. The children looked amazing in all of their costumes and thank you to all the staff for all of their hard work teaching all the children their songs and lines! Whether or not lines or songs were songs by our little ones, it certainly made for a delightful afternoon. If I may just add that it was such a shame that "Wonky" the lovely donkey could not join us all the way to the church but he was definitely a hit with the children prior to leaving the pre-school. Thank you Mrs Wonky Wilcox again and we hope that Wonky is feeling much better.

Also, thank you Gillian for the wonderful nativity pictures of all of the children. It was so lovely standing in the foyer watching the pictures on the screen, there was lots of "ooing" and "ahhing" from all parents. Our website is included in this thank you. It is always up to date and full of everything we need to know and so much more. My personal favourite is the pictures taken by the children, I love either trying to work out what the picture is of or who is in the picture!

We cannot believe that we have been in our new building a year! The time has gone so quickly but they do say "time flies when you are having fun". Last year was all about being in our new building but this year our first update is our on-going move to Incorporating the Pre-school. We will keep you updated on this and will be sending out a letter to inform all parents once this has taken place. It does not change, in anyway, the daily goings on at the pre-school but should you wish to know more please do not hesitate to ask.

As ever we will be actively fundraising over the coming months - please check our website for up and coming events. The first committee fundraiser of the year was our Race Night which has raised approx £600. Our next event will be face painting at the Bonfire Society Easter Egg hunt. If you would like to get involved with any aspect of the pre-school along with fundraising and grants please let Vicky or Fiona know.

I would personally like to thank all the lovely staff for an amazing year (2011) as you all give so much and that is what makes our pre-school really special. So, HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all and here's to a wonderful 2012. We are so looking forward to another great year, welcoming lots of new children, new faces and chatting at drop off.

Rebecca Turner

2012 SPRING NEWS LETTER ROTHERFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Note from Vicky and the Team:-

Welcome back to a very busy new year - at last we have had some snow for the children to play in.



We would all like to thank you for your lovely presents and kind words at Christmas. Our kitchen is still brimming with goodies, chocolates, biscuits, chutneys, jams, cakes, meringues and even wine all of which are gratefully received. Thank you also for your contributions to our staff meal, we had a great night.

Christmas was a busy time and we raised approximately £600 via nativity photos, refreshments at church, face painting at Christmas Market so a massive thank you for your continued support.

So what are we up to in the New Year?

We have started an early Spring clean so that we can see where we need to spend our fundraised money. Already on the list are aeroplanes, girls world heads, woodwork equipment, as well as larger pieces of equipment such as lunch tables and furniture for imaginary play.

Several new families have joined us so do please say hello to any new faces.

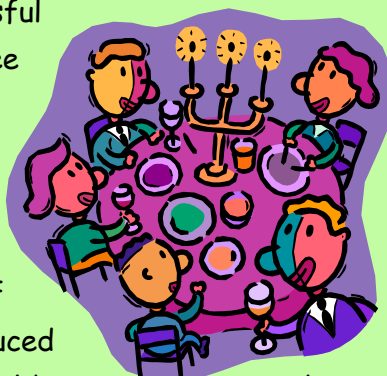
We don't tend to follow themes as we work with the children's current interests. However we will always celebrate special dates and festivals. We will therefore be celebrating Chinese New Year and Valentines day as well as pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.



What's new for Pre School?

We would like to introduce the idea of cooked meals at pre-school. This is quite a project so are therefore keen for your thoughts. We thought we would start with Tasty Tuesdays and if successful

One of our busy committee members is currently researching menus as we really want to provide food that children will want to eat. We know that it may take a while to get this off the ground as we have been through a similar process with our healthy snacks. We had to wean the children off a snack of squash and biscuits when we first introduced healthy snacks and there were quite a few reluctant children,



however within weeks all the children were eating various different fruits and veg and now they enjoy a wide selection of healthy foods. So the vision is a cooked meal for every child every day but we know that it may take some time. To help us kick start the project could you please print off and return the slip at the end of this newsletter - thank you.

General Reminders

Please help us keep costs down by donations of jam and marmite for snack time.

Please could all Rising 5's children please bring in a named PE kit so that we can get the children used to changing independently.

If you would like to make any changes to your current sessions please email the office office@rotherfieldpre-school.co.uk as post it notes have a habit of going missing in the office and we want to be sure that we have your request so that we respond as soon as possible

If we have more snow please check website for closures.

Please check our website for term dates and any inset days.

Fund Raising Events Calendar 2012		
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY	Big Fundraiser: - Race Night (3rd)	"A Night at the Races" Buffet, Bar and Racing.
MARCH		
APRIL	Face painting stall at Easter Egg Hunt (Bonfire Society) - Good Friday	
MAY	Annual Grand Fundraiser - Quiz Night/Cheese & Wine (19th)	Quiz, home cooked food, bar – a great fun night out.
JUNE		
JULY	Sponsored Bike Ride - date TBC	Fun but challenging bike ride with essential pub pit stops.
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER	To raise community funds for Bonfire Society we will be having a carnival float in the Bonfire procession. Pampered Chef - date TBC	
NOVEMBER	Stall at Christmas Market - Village Hall date TBC Father Christmas Letter reminders to parents	
DECEMBER	Nativity/Play - Mince Pies and Mulled Wine Letters to Father Christmas Nativity Photos	

Please feel free to email us with any local event or fundraising suggestion that you think we should be part of.

TASTY TUESDAYS - Hot Home Cooked Lunch

We have been looking into offering cooked meals at the pre-school since we moved in last January and would love your feedback to see if it is something that you think the children would like /or you would like us to start implementing. All meals would be made from good quality ingredients and cooked by a home cook (one of our committee members who is a keen cook and values the fork to plate concept). If successful we would start with Tuesdays (you have to start somewhere and Ginny who is currently volunteering at pre school, is a qualified chef and can advise us where necessary) and would then build up. I have done a little research and it would seem that cooked meals work best when all children have them, however all of your input/suggestions would be greatly appreciated:-



Yes/No: I like the idea of cooked meals.

I would expect to pay £

Any thoughts:

Once we have had your feedback our committee will research the idea further and will keep you updated.