



## CHAIR'S NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.

Thank you all so much for supporting our fundraising efforts to date; for making cakes, buying cards, contributing to the Christmas hamper and for attending the quiz night. Without these efforts the pre-school could not operate and so we are very grateful for your contributions. So far we have raised £500, which is fantastic and will provide the children with great new resources and opportunities to play and learn together.

We should be very proud of our dedicated staff, Sally, Cora, Dawn and Jo, who over the past year have earned Seagry Pre-School recognition as a centre of Excellence, have seamlessly introduced new Early Years Foundation Stage practice and, with the help of former Chair, Sue McDonald, can now claim to be fully accredited by the PSLA (Pre-School Learning Alliance). Thank you for creating a wonderful environment for our little people as they begin to step into the world outside.

### **Change of Premises – IMPORTANT**

You may be aware that the future of the current village hall building is a little uncertain and as tenants of the building we have been attending meetings to keep abreast of developments. The management trustees of Seagry, Startley and Great Somerford Village Hall have for a number of years been raising funds to build a brand new village hall, which will be a great asset to Seagry and the surrounding communities. As mentioned in the local press and the Parish magazine, the Hall committee have now secured planning permission for development of the current village hall site. This may mean that the current hall is removed before a new one is built on its new site opposite.

The pre-school committee and staff are of course anxious to secure the future of our very successful and highly regarded pre-school, and have with Wiltshire Early Years education division, been making enquiries into alternative premises.

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We are very excited to announce that Seagry C. of E. Primary School have offered us the use of wonderful space within the school building and we have decided that it is in the best interests of the pre-school, to accept their offer. We have pencilled in a move date of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April during the Easter holidays.

Obviously there are many things to discuss and we are proposing to hold an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) on MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in the hope that we can explain in more detail our reasons for moving and can answer any questions or concerns you may have. We hope that you will be able to attend.

We wish to reassure parents that the day-to-day running of the pre-school will not change in any way. We will have a separate entrance, the use of two 'warm' and spacious classrooms during the morning sessions and separate times for the use of the fantastic outside areas available at Seagry School.

If you are unable to attend the EGM, or have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email to discuss.

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