



News from Committee Chair's Newsletter – March 2009

Dear Parents,

The Move

During last week's meeting we were busy discussing final arrangements for the relocation into Seagry School. Last month we had had a positive interview with Ofsted and have already been given our Certificate to move the provision within the school. They said that we are likely to have an inspection shortly after we move so staff and committee are busy trying to ensure that the move goes as smoothly as possible so that Pre-school can be up and running after the Easter break. Sally and the staff have spent much of their own time planning the move with Emily at the School, having extra meetings and taking time to give the new space a lick of paint and we would like to thank them for this.

We would be very grateful for any help/time you can give next week Monday 30th March to Saturday 4th April either during the morning sessions, helping to pack, or on the Friday and Saturday for an hour or two. As Sally has mentioned it will not be suitable for children to be around during the move, so we appreciate this could be a problem. Dad's and grandparent's definitely welcome too!

A huge thank you is due to Charlie Powell's family, who have kindly arranged and donated the use of a removal van and a member of their staff to help move out on Friday morning. The van will arrive at 8.15 and we are a little restricted on time as we have to have unloaded by 10am at the school. Please if you can spare an hour or two, sign up for a time slot on Sally's list by the door.

How to get to Pre-School at Seagry School

For those of you who are not familiar with the School, it is situated in the middle of Upper Seagry Village. As you leave the village hall heading into Upper Seagry village, you pass the village green and shortly after on your right is a sign for the driveway into Seagry C. of E. Primary School and the playing fields. You will be able to park on the grass on the left leading up to the school building or there are a few places by the school.

The separate entrance for the Pre-School is through the gate on the right-hand side and will be marked by our sign. Nearer the time we will provide you with a code for the lock on this gate but during the first week after Easter a member of staff will greet you and your children to show you where to go. We have our own entrance to the rear of the building and the system will remain the same as at the village hall.

Treasurer's Report – 'We need help with funding!'

The pre-school is currently running at a loss. We are a charity not a business. All fees paid by parents go towards paying the staff and the use of the hall. All other costs associated with the pre-school so paint, card, paper, pens, cooking things, children's scrapbooks, cleaning materials, heating, training courses etc. are paid for by fundraising activities and donations. We have a few more fundraising activities in the pipeline, the quiz on Friday 27th March (teams of 4 £10), there is the sponsored Easter Egg Hunt next Tuesday 31st. We have a cake sale booked for Friday 1st May. If you have any ideas and time to help plan a fundraiser, we would be very grateful. Perhaps you know someone who could get materials at reduced costs?

If you are unable to support our fundraising activities, or would like to or are in a position to make a donation to the pre-school, then please make cheques payable to Seagry Pre-School and put in the Treasurer's tray, or pay directly into Lloyds TSB to our 'Seagry Pre-school' bank account number 2535488 Sort code 30-91-99. Please specify if you would like your donation to remain anonymous. Thank you.

Marketing the School

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to distribute posters and leaflets to let people know about our wonderful pre-school. Just getting 4 more children into the pre-school in September will make a huge difference to us so please continue to spread the word wherever you can. The Cake Sale on May 1st will be a good opportunity to show our face so please be there. If you would like more posters or leaflets then please ask or call me 01666 822362.

Can I take this opportunity again to thank Sally and the staff for all the efforts they have made during this term in preparation for the move, and thanks also to members of the committee and those parents who have given time to support the pre-school. Next week we will say goodbye to Ben McDonald who will be moving to Hullavington. We are very grateful to Sue and Bob, who have agreed to continue to support the Pre-school by remaining on the committee and looking after the website. THANK YOU!

Pippa Roche (Chair)

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