



September 2009

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term and welcome back. We have 1 new starter this term and I would like to welcome Casey to the preschool.

Last term we were assessed by the Pre-School Learning Alliance for our third and final stage of our Quality Assurance scheme. We are now waiting to hear if we have passed, which will mean we will be a fully accredited preschool with the PsLA QA Scheme. We have spent 2 very long hard years working toward this, and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us. I will let you know as soon as I hear the outcome.

We are still waiting for our visit from OFSTED, which will hopefully be within the next term. Parents will be able to talk to the inspector about anything regarding the preschool when they are with us, so please feel free to give any feedback to them.

We are loosely basing our topic this term around music and musical instruments. Are you a parent with a skill in this area? Do you play a musical instrument or sing? Do you have any instruments at home? If so we need you! Please come and share your skills with the children.

As part of our Christmas crafts this year we thought we would ask the children to paint plates as gifts. We wanted to try to incorporate this with some fund raising for the preschool. Would you like your child to paint a plate for a friend or relative as a Christmas present? Plates will be £5 each and they will have your child's artwork on the front and their name and date on the back.

If you feel this is something you would like your child to do - even if it is a plate for you to keep, please fill out the tear off slip below enclosing the money and return to me by THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER.

A decision has been made this year not to do a Nativity Play at the end of term and there are a couple of reasons for this - We feel we have quite a lot of young children this year who we really don't want to put under pressure to perform and also my star Nativity play director - Cora is going to be away from preschool for 2 weeks before Christmas, so with reduced staff I feel this is not really an option this year, sorry.

We will however have a Christmas party for the children with possibly a visit from the man in red! I will let you know more details in a few weeks, but it is likely to be on our last day of term which is Thursday 17th December.

Seagry Primary School are organising a coach trip to see Sleeping Beauty at the Wyvern Theatre on Wednesday 16th December. This will be in the afternoon, so will not be a preschool trip, however there are a few spaces available if you would like to accompany your child on the this trip with the school. The expected cost is likely to be around £10 per person. If you would like more information about this please see me.

We want to allow ALL children to be able to access our outside area and have walks with us all throughout the year. Please could you ensure that your children have wellies and warm clothing at preschool at all times. Your children will still be allowed to go outside even if they don't have wellies, so sorry in advance if their shoes get muddy. We do have quite a few spare pairs of wellies at preschool if you don't have any.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk to Cora, Jo or myself.

Sally Lewis - Preschool Supervisor

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