



# Pre-School Newsletter

## A warm welcome back & a belated happy New Year to you all

### The seasons are a changing.....

Our overall theme for this half term is Spring. We shall be looking at different aspects of the season.

With the start of a new year it seems an appropriate time to address a few 'housekeeping' issues:

**OUTDOOR CLOTHING** - We do go outside to play in pretty much all weathers, & bearing in mind our changeable weather please do ensure that your child has a suitable outdoor coat or alternative in pre-school at all times. Please also remember scarves, hats & gloves. Also we often try to do something a little different - visit the Sensory Garden or Adventure Trail, similarly we often use the large PE apparatus in the School Hall for our PE sessions. To enjoy all this safely the children do need to be appropriately dressed. So, with Spring hopefully just around the corner, can I please ask that skirts/dresses are kept to a sensible length, & sandals/summer shoes are of a type that are not likely to fall off a child's foot, e.g. **no Crocs or Flip-Flops please.**

**SNACK ROTA** - Please ensure you mark your name on the snack donation rota displayed on the Parents' notice board. We have had

a very disappointing level of contribution over recent weeks. If everyone takes their turn it should only work out that you need to bring something in once every half term.

**DRAWERS** - Your child's drawer in pre-school contains not only fantastic works of art, but also a regular letters, correspondence, offers & news items, much of which is **important**. Please do check your child's drawer regularly

**BEND & STRETCH** - Our PE sessions continue to take place on Monday afternoon & Friday morning each week. Please ensure your child has a pair of named plimsolls in pre-school if he/she attends either of these sessions. This is important preparation for when your child moves on to School. We do have a number of pairs of donated plimsolls of various sizes, so please do feel free to come in & have a look.

### **COUGHS & SNEEZES SPREAD DISEASES**

With the season of colds & bugs well upon us, please be reminded that pre-school policy is that any child suffering from sickness &/or diarrhoea should remain at home for a minimum of 48 hours after their last bout. This is in line with Department of

Health infection control guidelines & is for the protection of all the children & staff at pre-school. Also if you know or suspect that your child is unwell please do not send them into Pre-School, it is not only very distressing for the child concerned, but unfair on the other children & staff within the setting. Finally if you have older children off school due to illness please do not bring them into the pre-school room when dropping off or collecting. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **EMERGENCY PRE-SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Due to the bad weather last term we would like to remind parents that should Cheddington school be closed, then pre-school is obliged to close for health, safety & insurance reasons. Updates for school closures can be found on the county council website [www.bucks.gov.uk](http://www.bucks.gov.uk), we will also inform Mix 96 radio who will broadcast the notice for us & boards will be placed at the front & rear of the school.

Please remember -if **Cheddington School is closed Pre-school is closed**. A full copy of our Emergency Closure Policy is available both on the parents' notice board in pre-school, & on the pre-school website.

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February 2010

### Pre-School Themes:

w/c 22nd February  
Weather

w/c 1st March  
Spring Festivals

w/c 8th March  
On the Farm

w/c 15th March  
New Life & Growing

w/c 22nd March  
Easter

w/c 29th March  
Easter



### Relief Staff Needed

Do you have a flair for childcare, a rapport with young children, & would like to explore work in Early Years, if so, we need you! Pre-School is looking for Relief Staff to cover sessions at short notice when staff are training or absent for any reason. If you are interested or would like to find out more please speak to Kim Goldhagen - Pre-School Manager, or telephone on 01296 662292, or e.mail at [info@cheddingtonps.demon.co.uk](mailto:info@cheddingtonps.demon.co.uk).