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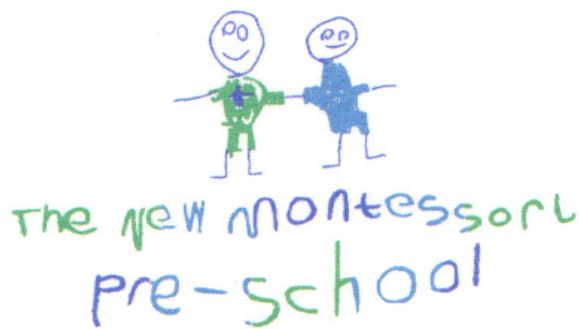
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## July 2009 Newsletter

### Swine Flu

You would have hopefully received the recent notice about our pre-school's first confirmed case (diagnosed over the telephone) of Swine Flu and received advice on how to recognise symptoms and been given advice on how you can protect yourself and your family from this virus. Many of you are obviously very concerned about the risk to your child. No doubt you will be aware that quite a few other schools in Worthing too have had pupils with confirmed cases and according to the NHS Direct Line Swine Flu has reached Worthing. Ofsted have been notified of this case and it has been logged onto their data base. We are being advised by both Ofsted and the NHS that school closures and the distribution of antiviral medicines for prevention are not recommended at this time because the virus is widespread within our community. People are likely to be repeatedly exposed to the virus in their every day lives and closing a school will no longer be effective in slowing the spread of the virus as people could still be exposed outside the school. Some of you are asking the question if it is better for your child to catch this now to develop some immunity as there is now talk about the virus mutating and coming back more severely in the winter months. There is good evidence that in the majority of swine flu patients the disease is generally mild, but it is also proving fatal in a small minority of cases. Of course it is preferable to avoid exposure to the virus if possible, which also helps to protect higher-risk groups from unnecessary risk. However, we are being advised that children should not be kept off school if they are well and school is open. If you think that your child may have swine flu, you should check their symptoms on [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk), call NHS Direct (0845 4647) or call the Swine Flu information line on 0800 1513 513. If you are still concerned, you should call your GP who can provide a diagnosis over the phone.

### Teddy Bear's Picnic

At 11am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, we made the very difficult decision to cancel our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic held in Victoria Park. Due to Health and Safety regulations and with gusty weather and sodden ground we felt we had no option than to cancel what could have been a very damp affair. Unfortunately, we could not have spontaneously hosted it in our pre-school as obviously the classrooms were prepared for Monday coupled with the fact that our insurance and lease agreement with the church would have been invalid. Apologies for any inconvenience.

We were however, stunned to see so many of you actually turn up (29 families out of a possible 96) but felt reassured when you too agreed it was the right decision. As it happened, many of you ended up having a lovely afternoon regardless and met up with lots of your children's friends in the playground. Each child (here goes - and apologies if I have failed to mention your child's name - Tamzin, Quincy, Logan, Poppy, Maisie, Lola, Lily, Lexie, Lewis, James, Alex, William, Nina, Lucia, Ted, Aoife, Amelie, Jessica, Lucy, Emily, Oliver, Mya, Hayden, Rowan, Tom, Annu, Archie, Casper, Felix, Oscar, Lara, Colroy, Daisy, Lottie S, Matthew, Lottie C, Daisy and Eden) that did come received a windmill as consolation. We know too that some of you went home to have a picnic on your lounge floor or even your car!! We were all delighted at the most beautiful cakes (an exquisite teddy sitting on a patch of grass) made by one of our parents ([www.consumedbycakes.co.uk](http://www.consumedbycakes.co.uk)) which were sold within minutes! Apologies too to all of you who did make cakes for our cake sale - we trust that they were enjoyed without too much trouble!

With regards to hosting the Teddy Bear's Picnic again, it is unlikely that we will be able to, for insurance reasons, reschedule it again before this term is over but we are deciding whether to have activities like hook-a-duck, Lucky Dip and a Book Sale at the end of term party in our garden from 12.30 - 1.15. We hope for monetary donations to take part in these so that we can at least try and raise some funds from what is usually a great fundraising event. The alternative is to hold a Teddy Bear's Picnic in Victoria Park in September when new families will be being introduced to our pre-school and of course children who have moved on to primary will be most warmly welcome to attend. Please check our website for details during the month of September for confirmation of this.

### **Ofsted Inspection**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July we were inspected by Ofsted. Although we are yet to receive our full report, we were informed that we have received a high 'Good' - and in every area of inspection we have been proven to be strong. The Ofsted Inspector spent most of the day here and she delighted in the 'incredible' children and felt our pre-school to be a most nurturing and inspiring environment. She too thought our commitment and dedication to continued professional development was to be congratulated. We are delighted and very proud of what we as a team and as a very special community have. The report will be readily available as soon as we have it in print.

### **Next term's fees and new update re. funding**

Our Management Committee have confirmed the annual review of our fees. We will be increasing our hourly rate to £4.80 from September 2009. We do however, have good news for the children, those who have had their third birthday and in receipt of the WSCC funding, as we are piloting a 15 hour a week funding allowance as opposed to the usual 12.5 hours of funding a week. This certainly should reflect in your next terms fees that we intend to have ready for you by the end of this term. If not, I confirm that these will be posted to you during the summer holidays.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS TERM'S FEES HAVE BEEN SETTLED BY  
THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY.**

### **End of Term Summer Party**

All children that attend our pre-school are invited to attend on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at **10.30am until 1pm**. 'Helper Lists' are available, please do put your name down if you would like to actively help with activities as this list fills extremely quickly. Due to Health and Safety Regulations we have to limit the number of adults or children in the building so we do ask you not to bring siblings/friends. The 'Party Food List' will also soon be available if you would like to donate towards the buffet. Please would you bring in your contribution on Party Day. We appreciate that for many of you it will be your child's last party with us and that you would like to see your child receive their leaver gift from us. Therefore, if you would like to arrive via the garden gate from 12.30 you would be most welcome to join us in our farewell ceremony.

As positive as we are about our leavers moving on to primary and beginning their journey into Foundation Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 education, needless to say we do find it difficult having to say fond farewells! We form strong, nurturing relationships with all our children and share your joy in watching them grow and develop over the time they spend with us here. We wish each and every one of them continued joy in their learning. Thank you for sharing your child with us! It really is a privilege.

We will be welcoming many new children and families from September and those children staying with us will become the new role models and child educators - a very important and respected position! Please do welcome and converse with newcomers - for a lot of parents they need the support of friendly and reassuring faces as they drop off their children - for what may be for most of them - their first detachment from their child.

### **'Moving on reports'**

With 40 children moving on to primary, the team has been very busy preparing moving on reports. These will be posted directly to your child's primary school/class teacher. A copy of these will be present in their Learning Journals which document your child's time with us. Most of you have too had Progress Visits which we know have been informative.

### **Enjoy the Summer Holidays!**

There is just enough room to wish you and yours a very lovely summer break. Some of you are venturing off on adventures abroad and others will be staying at home. Hopefully, this August, the weather will be kind to us and shine brightly. We hope that you all have much love, fun and laughter - the stuff that good, happy family memories are made of.

Please find attached

- term dates for the next academic year
- a letter from our Management Committee



The New Montessori pre-school

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17 July 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to inform you of the fees for the coming academic year, which were recently agreed by The New Montessori Pre-school Management Committee.

From September 2009 the fee per hour within our pre-school will be £4.80.

Fees are reviewed annually and we endeavour to keep rises to a minimum. This decision was a difficult one for the Management Committee this year, but was necessary in order to ensure the financial viability of the Pre-school, and at the same time to meet the standards required to provide a high quality Montessori education.

Fundraising events do help to keep increases low by providing the Pre-school with essential equipment. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the parents and other supporters for their fundraising work over the past year. We sincerely value your efforts, and look forward to the Pre-school's third successful year in Tarring Road and indeed our 10<sup>th</sup> year of providing Montessori child care and education in Worthing.

Best wishes,

**Rita Offen**

**Chairperson**

The New Montessori Pre-school  
Management Committee

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July 09

**Autumn/Winter 2009**

Monday 31 August – Bank Holiday-closed

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September -Term resumes

Friday 18 December – Last day of term

16 weeks

**Spring 2010**

Monday 4 January – Term resumes

Thursday 1 April - Last day of term

Friday 2 April -Bank Holiday

13 weeks

**Summer 2010**

Monday 19 April - Term resumes

Bank Holiday – Closed Monday 3 May

Bank Holiday - Closed Monday 30 May

Friday 23 July – Last day of term

14weeks

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**Open 43 weeks a year and all half terms**

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Tuesday 31 August-Term resumes

Friday 17 December-last day of term

16 weeks

**Spring 2011**

Monday 3 January-Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4 January -Term resumes

Friday 8 April-last day of term

14 weeks

**Summer 2011**

Monday 25 April-bank holiday

Tuesday 26 April-Term resumes

Friday 22 July –Last day of term

13 weeks