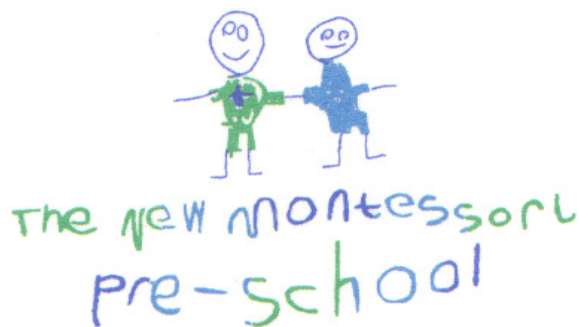


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**Please remember you can text us!**

**Ask for our mobile numbers at the school.**



**Methodist Church, Tarring Road, Worthing, BN11 4ET**

**November 2009 Newsletter**

**Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM took place on the evening of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and although we were dismayed at the very small number of parents that did attend, a very enjoyable evening was had. Our Guest Speakers, who had travelled from Kent for this event, gave a very interesting and thought provoking speech about how best a parent and an educator can support the developing child. 'Helping a child to help themselves' is paramount and being aware of just the right level of assistance to a child is something to be constantly conscious of. As parents it is always quicker to do the task in hand for your child, to do up their coat or brush their hair for example, but it would be far more empowering and thus lead to independence and therefore nurture self-esteem if a child is given the time and patience to complete manageable tasks for themselves. Our Chairperson sincerely thanked the staff for all the tireless hard work and energy that is put into our pre-school and acknowledgements and grateful thanks were given to existing committee members. Acknowledgement of a **great duty** and sincere thanks to Robin and Helen Bishop who after six years of loyally supporting our committee and pre-school, stepped down from their roles as Secretary and Treasurer. Both their children had attended our pre-school many years ago and will firmly remain 'friends' to our pre-school by updating our website and offering other support. Robin has made the jolly good suggestion of creating a Facebook page . . . so look out for that! Thank you to all parents who supported the Raffle by donating such great prizes and/or selling tickets. A celebratory New Montessori Pre-school mug was given from our Fundraising Team as a thank you to everyone who attended this annual event the minutes of this meeting will be available shortly.

**Sessions for next term - Spring 2010**

By now, you would have confirmed your child's sessions for next term and if you haven't please do respond by returning your slip pertaining to this so that we are able to corroborate all of our incomings and outgoings. It is essential that these sessions are established so that we can ensure our staff ratios are met and that our financial forecasts are viable. We do ask that you are very sure of the sessions that you register for, as later changes cannot always be met and you will be liable for the sessions registered.

### **Christmas gifts**

You would have received notice and an order form of Christmas cards that your child has the opportunity to make in the lead up to Christmas. To avoid disappointment, it is important that we receive your orders promptly to ensure that the finished article is ready in time! A pack of six Christmas cards can be made by your child at a price of £3. Thanks to all of you who have placed your orders for these very exclusive cards!

### **Arrivals and departures and Viz jackets**

With the days fast drawing in for winter and visibility poor near such a busy road, we ask you please to encourage your child to wear their viz jacket to keep them safe and seen. All our children are issued with a viz jacket upon registration. For a small donation, please do ask your Classroom Manager should you need a replacement.

### **Your child's clothing**

On the same note of changing seasons, with the weather getting chillier, hats, scarves and gloves are creeping their way into our cloakroom. With 80+ children attending here it is imperative that all clothing is named to avoid things getting lost.

### **Exchange of information between registered early years childcare settings**

The EYFS requires an exchange of information between childcare settings about each child's development and interests. This is to help with planning for individual needs and development so that each child is given the best opportunities to reach their full potential. The requirement states:

- *Where children receive education and care in more than one setting, practitioners must ensure continuity and coherence by sharing relevant information with each other and parents.*
- *Close working between early year's practitioners and parents is vital for the identification of children's learning needs and to ensure a quick response to any area of particular difficulty. Parents and families are central to a child's well being and practitioners should support this important relationship by sharing information and offering support for extending learning in the home.*

So that we can meet these obligations, we would be grateful if you would fill in details of any other setting(s)/childminder your child attends by signing the attached slip giving us permission to share relevant information about your child.

### **Christmas is fast approaching . . .**

Activities and a Parent Help List will become available soon and suggested seasonal and festive party food lists will be displayed for our upcoming last week of term celebrations.

