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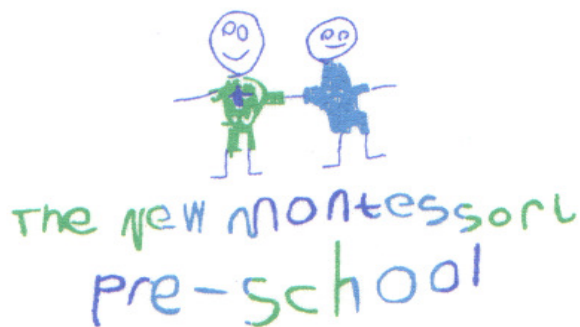
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October 2009 Newsletter

This year is our 10th Annual General Meeting

The date has been set for Thursday 19th November at 7pm and will conclude at 9pm. Preparations are underway with our Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members busy editing, copying and collating all the relevant documentation required. A formal notice of the meeting will be sent out to you shortly along with the AGM agenda. This is not the occasion to discuss your child in great depth; it is not a Progress Visit, although there is the opportunity to examine the classroom, our equipment and the direct and indirect aims of the lessons behind them. The purpose of our AGM is to comply with legal requirements, such as the presentation and approval of the audited accounts, to elect the Committee for the next year, to make any changes to the constitution and to hear reports from our Committee on achievements and work over the past year. The AGM is an enjoyable evening - with drinks (tea at least!) and nibbles and a Guest Speaker, who this year will be Marianne Clarkson from Kent and Sussex Montessori Centre. The Kent & Sussex Montessori Centre has been operating as an independent organisation since 1990 and the Principal, Marianne Clarkson, has been involved in Montessori training since 1985 and has had extensive experience in state schools, special schools and in teacher training. The Centre has an outstanding record of passes and distinctions in the examinations. The evening will end with a Fundraising Raffle . . . prizes are needed please! We would be very grateful to receive any unwanted gifts you may have stored away or services/vouchers that you can offer!

Bookstart Treasure Chests

Bookstart is all about sharing the enjoyment of books and reading, and in doing so, helps children to benefit educationally, socially, culturally and emotionally. Treasure Chests consist of books and pens and are provided by the Library Service within WSCC. We support Bookstart by gifting these 'chests' for all our children who turned three during the last term (i.e. 1st April 09 - 31st August 09). For those children whose 3rd birthdays are from September 2009 onwards, they will receive their Treasure Chests in later deliveries. This term's delivery will begin sometime after October 30th.

Fire drills

Please do not be alarmed if your child tells you about there being a 'fire' at school! We will, in the form of a notice, inform you when we have carried out a fire drill. We are legally required to carry out emergency procedures for the safe and efficient management of our setting.

Toilet training

If your child is learning this area of self-care or showing an interest in toilet training please do let us know so that we can best support this process. This is a massive step towards independence! We do have a supply of nappies/wipes/nappy sacks but we do ask that you too provide these to help with our costs. It is a good idea to provide a change of (named) clothing but we do house a lot of spares.

Fees - paid by Nursery Vouchers and/or Bank Direct Debit payments

Many of you have decided and agreed to pay your child's pre-school fees through voucher schemes or direct debits. Please, if you chosen this form of payment inform Melinda Day or your Classroom Managers of when, how much and how often payments will be made. Please remember that all pre-school fees are *due in advance* of sessions.

Dare I mention Christmas

At the risk of sounding like Ebenezer, the decision has been made that our usual end of term 'Party Day', which was funded by our Fundraising Team, be cancelled due to the expense and also the fact that having so many children attending was not only overwhelming but could also closely breach our Health and Safety regulations. We observe that in the lead up to Christmas especially, the children tend to get caught up in the whirlwind that stressed parents go through in their preparations and much as Christmas is very exciting, we encourage the children, for the sake of their own sanity, to remain calm and ordered! To ensure that the children still are able to experience the thrill of impending seasonal holidays, Christmas and Easter festivities will be celebrated throughout the last week of these terms. (We are confident though that Father Christmas will still be visiting our children here)

Fresh fruit

As you are aware we promote healthy eating and supply fresh fruit and healthy carb snacks to the children. In answer to the many times we are asked if 'we need anything' these type food donations are always very welcome.

Careful parking please!

We do appreciate that parking close to the pre-school is very difficult, however, we must ask you to please consider other road users and pedestrians. The corner of London Street is not an ideal place to leave your vehicle as the double yellow lines suggest!