

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2010

WELCOME BACK!

As always the committee would like to welcome you all, particularly the 26 new children and their families joining the Pre-school for their first term. We hope your little ones settle in soon and we look forward to seeing you round! It's going to be a busy and enjoyable term!

This term's newsletter is going to start with the most important information, our forthcoming events. That way you can see what's going on this term, and how you can support your preschool. If you would like further information or lose your newsletter and need reminding of anything, then you can always check out our website at www.stowuplandpreschool.org.uk Why not take a look anyway, it's full of lots of helpful information, including all term dates.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

The annual event is on Saturday 19th June, The pre-school will be holding two stalls at the event, a Coconut Shy and a Smash a plate stall, any unwanted plates, dishes would be greatly appreciated, these can be dropped off at the pre-school where they can be stored.

VISIT TO THE REGAL CINEMA - SPACE CHIMPS 2

Due to last year's successful event, we have decided to once again take over the Regal and book an exclusive showing just for us. It's a great opportunity for you to see a film with your little one in a fun and friendly environment, while they are surrounded by lots of their friends, all for a good price.

If you've not been to the Regal before, it's a fabulous venue right on our doorstep. So we have booked the Regal for a private showing of "Space Chimps 2" (80 minutes long and is a 'U' certificate) tickets will be £4.00 each and further information will be sent out very soon, so watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th May - Friday 4th June - Holiday - Whitsun Half term
Wednesday 2nd June - Cinema Trip to the Regal - Space Chimps 2
Monday 7th June - Back to school
Saturday 19th June - Music on the Green
Friday 16th July - Last day of term

Monday 6th September - Preschool re-opens

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The preschool is a registered charity and as such must be run by a voluntary Management Committee to ensure any decisions are made in the best interest of the setting.

We still have two committee member spaces available on the Management Committee so if you would like to become involved please do not hesitate to contact us.

Photographs and contact details of the committee are displayed on the wall on the left hand side, as you enter the Pre-school so if you have any concerns or comments about the Pre-school or indeed you would like to find out more about joining the committee, then please feel free to approach us. Our Chairperson is Sharon Bridges, she can be contacted on 07860 580076.

AGM

The Pre-School is having their AGM on Wednesday 29th September 2010, All members of the committee have to step down to be re-elected if they want to continue. However the current Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary are all standing down, so we need volunteers to stand for those positions and also more committee members please. It will start at 7.30pm and normally lasts for no longer than 45 minutes we hope to see you there.

If you think you might be interested please contact Sharon Bridges on 07860 580076 for a chat.

PAYMENT POLICY

A Payment Policy is in place to ensure the smooth financial running of the Pre-school. If you do not have a copy of this or are unsure of anything in it then please see Jeanette Moss, our Pre-school Leader.

SEPTEMBER CHANGES

From September a pre-school session will be extended from 2½ hours to 3 hours, more information on this will be distributed at a later date.

DON'T WANT TO MESS UP YOUR LITTLE'S ONES WARDROBE?

T- Shirts, Sweatshirts and book bags bearing the preschool's logo, are available for sale, please see the staff.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP!

The management committee run a baby & toddler group, which is held in the Village Hall every Wednesday morning during term time from 9.15am till 11.15am. Each session is £2.00 per family and filled with fun, toast, fruit, tea, coffee and chat!

There's lots going on, with toys and activities for all ages, craft followed by a story and sing-a-long. It's a great chance for some adult company and to let your little ones have fun in a safe, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome.

Come along and join in the fun or contact Tammy on 07966 238122 for more information.

We are also running an additional baby & toddler group on a Friday from 1pm till 3pm from Friday 30th April for a 4 week trial, at this session it will have a 'music' session rather than craft, please contact Tammy on 07966 238122 for more information.

OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

The current focus of our fundraising has been to purchase outdoor play equipment for the pre-school, such as a climbing frame, slide and to provide a 'shaded/sheltered' area for the children so they can play and learn outside weather permitting, as well as appropriate flooring.

CLAIRVOYANT EVENING

On Wednesday 24th March, we held a very successful Clairvoyant evening with Stephanie Carr at the Village Hall; we sold over 180 tickets and raised a fantastic £1,695 for the pre-school. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a successful event.

A note for your diaries Stephanie Carr has already been booked again for Friday 22nd October 2010, ticket information and timings will be issued closer to the date.

EASTER FAIR

Well what a fab afternoon! Not only was this event a great success but it was good fun too! All the children seemed to enjoy themselves and had a lovely afternoon out. There were many stalls to keep the little ones entertained with either a game or a craft activity to get involved in. The face painting went down a treat which meant we had lots of Easter animals bouncing around hunting for their Easter eggs! Due to everyone's generosity we managed to raise a grand total of £350. We could not have raised this amount without your support as well as the committee members, parents and the Good Neighbour Ladies who gave up their morning to support us and we are extremely grateful to each and every one of you for all their efforts.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL - RECYCLING SCHEME - YOUR TRASH IS OUR CASH

The Support Your School scheme is run by Environmental Business Products Ltd. For 17 years they have been the UK's largest inkjet cartridge remanufacturer, supplying private label cartridges to such names as Sainsbury's, Office Depot and WHSmith, to date they have saved over 50 million inkjet cartridges and mobile phones from landfill. The scheme is completely free and operates a zero landfill policy.

The pre-school will get £3.00 for every mobile that is suitable for re-cycling and £1.00 for every ink cartridge that is suitable for recycling.

So please bring your empty ink cartridges and old mobile phones into the preschool, we are able to recycle them and make some money for the preschool at the same time.

PRE-SCHOOL CALENDAR

As a Committee/Pre-School we are continually trying to develop new ideas for raising much needed funds to enhance our day-to-day running of the Pre-School, We therefore have been approached by a local Company with a view to creating a Pre-School Calendar.

We believe this is a great idea and would give parents and family an insight into the daily activities of the children through the photographs taken. It has been noted that the calendar could be printed in the Academic Year format; therefore, we will be able to highlight vital dates such as School Holidays and PD days, in advance, for your convenience.

Obviously, we need to look at the finer details of this fund raising calendar but feel that a charge of approximately £5 would be charged per calendar.

In order to create this calendar we firstly need your feedback if you would be interested as well as consent from yourselves to enable us to take the necessary photographs, Please may we kindly ask you to complete the slip at the back of the Newsletter and return back to the Pre-School as soon as possible

YELLOWMOON

If you buy anything from yellow moon (www.yellowmoon.org.uk) please quote the source code of **SST 8576** and the preschool will get a donation.

STUCK ON YOU

We are pleased to say that we have joined up with this website which sells name labels/tags and other goods. If you purchase anything from this website please quote 'Stowupland Pre-School' as we will receive 20% from your order.

SCHOOL NEWS

Freeman County Primary School: Head - Charlotte Whyte - 01449 612067

Future Events

Friday 11th June - 6pm - 8pm - Sausage Sizzle - School Field
Saturday 18th September - School Fair



The Summer Term has started and the children at Freeman Community Primary School have already taken part in a School Marathon. Three classes have gone to Bury St Edmunds on a school trip this week and we have further class trips to Sutton Hoo and Bressingham Steam Museum later this term. The Year 4 children are going to Kingswood, at West Runton in Norfolk, for a three day residential trip at the start of May.

Our Parent Association has been renamed as the Friends Of Freeman School. They will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Friday 11th June, 6pm to 8pm, on the school field. There will be a Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and stalls are available to hire if you would like to run a stall or car boot. Tables cost £5 and can be reserved via the school. Tickets will be available at the school office from Monday 24th May, £1 per adult and children go free.

Admissions Procedure

At Freeman School there is a Nursery, known as the Early Years Unit, which is a purpose built building leading from the playground. The Nursery can accommodate 26 children and runs from 8.45 to 11.45 every morning during term times. Applications are made for the term after your child's fourth birthday and they are given two terms in the Early Years Unit.

Application forms are sent out to parents, and places are allocated following the county procedures. Children visit the Nursery, the term prior to starting, on a Tuesday morning, to ensure transition is smooth and children feel comfortable in a new setting. Children then enter the Reception class at the start of the term in which they turn five, and this is when they become full time pupils.

As Cedars Park does not have it's own pre-school facilities, we have found that the number of children who live on the estate and attend Stowupland preschool, is increasing. For the children who will be attending Cedars Park school this is great news, as they will get to know and play with many of their future classmates and be able to move on to their new surroundings with lots of familiar faces.

Cedars Park County Primary School: Head - Clare Robinson - 01449 778230



Future PTA Events

Saturday 3rd July - SUMMER FAIR - 11am - 2pm - All welcome!

We are proud to announce that Marlon 'The Game' Hunt, ranked No 1 in the World and a 6 x World Professional Full contact Kickboxing Champion, will be opening the fair and putting on kickboxing display with his children's class.

There will also be the usual attractions including a BBQ, cakes, refreshments, face painting by 'messy mites' tattoos, lucky dip and lots more fun and games for all the family.

Cedars Park Rainbows and Brownies will be there with a stall as well as Just Learning Nursery, the Residents' Association and Cedars Church.

Please support us and help us raise money to buy a few picnic tables for the current and future children of cedars park school to use and enjoy.

Admissions Procedure

All children start in the September of the school year that they are going to be 5. If their birthday falls between September and December, then they will commence full time, if however their birthday is between January and August, then they start part time until the following January, when they can attend full time.

Stowupland Parent & Toddler Group

WHERE ABOUTS

Where: Stowupland Village Hall

When: Wednesdays mornings 9.15–11.15 and
NEW Friday afternoons 1–3 pm
(Term time only)



A PLACE TO PLAY

Lots of toys, puzzles, books, ride ons and push alongs for toddlers and a play area for younger babies as well as lots of activity toys that will entertain and stimulate including craft (Wednesdays) and music time. (Fridays).

A PLACE TO CHAT

A friendly toddler group always looking to expand and bring you and your children a fun packed and stimulating time - or just a chance to have a good chat!



AND SOMETHING TO EAT

Fruit and toast on Wednesdays and fruit and a biscuit on Fridays plus squash for the children (lidded beakers available) and a hot cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate for their guardian.

Contact:

Tammy Patel on 07966 238122 or
or why not pop in!



Suggestions / Volunteers

If you have any ideas or comments you would like to make, we have included a slip for you to jot them down and request you return it to a member of staff who will ensure we get it. You can also use this slip to let us know if you are able to spare some of your time helping out at fundraising events, you could be helping to make teas/coffees, bake cakes maybe sell some tickets - there are always a variety of jobs that need doing. The more people that volunteer the fewer events we will need you to help at.

The Management Committee

'Support Stowupland Pre-School & The Mighty Oaks (and Toddler Group!) - Your Child's Education Starts Here'

STOWUPLAND PRE-SCHOOL & THE MIGHTY OAKS
SUGGESTION/VOLUNTEER SLIP

Name (optional).....Child's Name.....

Phone number.....I would like to Volunteer YES NO (please circle)

If you've circled YES please say how you can help i.e. helping at fundraisers/selling tickets/baking cakes

Or donating a raffle prize etc.....

Suggestion/ comments

FUNDRAISING - PRE-SCHOOL CALENDAR

Name of Child:.....

Location of Photo taken: Stowupland Pre-School & The Mighty Oaks
(Please note photos will be used up to September 2010 from the date shown on this form)

I give my permission for my child/ren to be photographed for the use of developing the Pre-School Calendar.

Parents Name (in CAPITALS): Date:

Parents Signature:

Yes / No I would /not be interested in purchasing a calendar / calendars (delete where appropriate)
