

Pound Hill Pre-School

Pound Hill Community Centre, Worth Road, Pound Hill, Crawley, West Sussex. RH10 7EP

01293 616479 Mon-Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm

www.poundhillpreschool.com

Registered charity Number: 1027606



Newsletter - October 2010

Thank you: A most deserved Thank-you to all those who supported the Bring and Buy Cake sale either by donating or buying cakes and an extra big thank you to Karen Wightman and Tina Whybrow for manning the stall. We raised a fab £51 for Pre-school thank you.

Sadly the 80's disco was less well supported. It was a great night, the function room looked great and Toby from TopTrax as always put on a fantastic Disco. It was such a shame that we did not see more parents there to enjoy the night and raise more for pre-school from the event; unfortunately we will only just break even.

The Committee: After two years on the Committee both Nicola Brown Chairperson and Liz Davis Committee Secretary are stepping down from their posts at the end of the school year. From September 2011 the Committee will need a new Chair and Secretary

The main role of the committee is to organise fundraising activity to provide much needed funds for the pre-school and support the lead and staff in ensuring the setting provides a safe, happy and efficient environment for the children. If any parent would like more information on the roles or to volunteer for either position please speak to Kim Bragg or a member of the Committee.

What's on?

Autumn Fancy dress party: On **Thursday 21st October** all Pound Hill Pre-School children are invited to attend the Autumn Fancy dress party. If your child does not normally attend on a Thursday and you would like them to attend, we ask for a donation of £3 payable on the day, please inform a member of staff as soon as possible so extra staff can be sorted as needed, thank you. We ask for a donation of £1 per child for all other children, also payable on the day to help cover the cost of the fun activities planned for the party. Each child is also asked to bring along a small pumpkin, which they can paint during the party for a 'Paint a pumpkin' competition. **If you have any Halloween / Autumn themed sweets, treats or craft activities you can donate for the party, they would be most welcome, please hand into a member of staff prior to Thursday 21st October, thank you.**

Sponsored obstacle course: The first of two sponsored events will be held on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November**. This will be an indoor event. Due to the size of hall and amount of equipment used, parents are unable to attend this event. Photos will be taken (if permission granted) and you will be able to purchase these after the event. A Sponsor form will be put in your child's tray. Please get as many sponsors as you can. We are able to collect gift aid for those sponsors who pay tax. Please make sure they sign the sponsor form to agree to use collecting back the tax. Every child who completes the five laps of the course will receive a medal and a certificate to say well done. Let's raise lots for pre-school. If your child does not attend on either of the days listed please speak to a member of staff, about changing one of their days.

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Christmas Nativity and Fair: A Christmas Nativity followed by a Christmas fair will be held on **14th December**. This will involve all the children, full details and timings will be in the next newsletter. Tickets will cost £2.00 per person or £3 per family payable on the door. The fair will follow straight after the nativity and include refreshments, tombola, stocking fillers, raffle and other fund raising fun. If you or your friends, family or workplace has a prize to donate for the raffle please inform a member of staff. The more prizes we have the more funds we can raise. Also do not be shy in stepping forward to help with the fair.

Christmas party: The end of term Christmas party will take place on **15th December**

Other information:

Fruit and Vegetable Basket: We encourage all children to bring in a piece of fresh/dried fruit or vegetable each session they attend. This is shared at snack time with all the children. We encourage the children to try new fruits and vegetables and would also encourage parents/carers to provide fruits that are slightly more unusual (i.e. starfruit, pomegranate, blueberries, melon, kiwi, mango, pineapple, coconut) as well as the 'favourites' of apple, orange, pear, banana, grapes, cucumber. This will allow children greater choice. Of course pre-school will continue to provide milk and water.

End of session: Please refrain from looking through the hall window at pick up time as this can disrupt our calm "end of day" activities, and cause anxiety for those children who cannot see their parent / carer. If you would like to observe the pre-school activities all parents are invited to stay and help during a session, this provides a great opportunity to experience first hand your child's pre-school routine.

Dates for your diary:

- Autumn Fancy dress party: Thursday 21st October
- Inset days (no pre-school on these days) – Friday 22nd October / Monday 1st November
- Half term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th October
- Indoor Sponsored Obstacle Course – Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November
- Christmas Nativity – Tuesday 14th December
- Christmas Party – Wednesday 15th December
- Term ends – Wednesday 15th December
- Pre-School resumes Tuesday 4th January

Watch out next month for our E-newsletter!