

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

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Newsletter - October 2009

Meet the committee: We have a new committee this year. A huge thank you to all parents and staff who stepped forward to offer their services and help raise funds for pre-school.

Nicola Brown whose son Kai started at the beginning of the summer term, has kindly volunteered for the role of Chairperson. John Riven continues his great work as treasurer and Liz Davis Mum of Matthew who started September 08 and Elise who starts in November has taken on the role of Secretary. Supporting members are Sheena and Dan Muggeridge, Jill Marshal, Vivien Turner and Salma Virani.

The fundraising work of the committee is reliant on volunteers to help make activities successful, please help when you can. The funds raised ensure we can continue to provide an essential education for your children. If you would like to join the committee please speak to Jill Marshal, we would love to have you onboard. The next committee meeting is Wednesday 7th October 7.30pm at 4th Worth Scout Hut Three Bridges.

Sponsored obstacle course: We hold two sponsored events through the year our first will be on **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October** which is an indoor event and an outdoor one in June. You will be invited to watch the outdoor event in the summer weather permitting. Due to the size of hall and amount of equipment used parents are unable to attend the October indoor course. Photos will be taken (if permission granted) and you will be able to purchase these after the event. A Sponsor form for the October event is attached. 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.

Photographer: the photographer will be at pre-school on Wednesday 14th October to take photographs of the children from 9.45am – 10.45am. Siblings are welcome too, please see staff.

Christmas Concert and Fair: A Christmas Concert followed by a Christmas fair will be held on Thursday 17th December (Date tbc) Tickets will cost £2.00 payable on the door. The fair will follow straight after the concert and include refreshments, hampers, lucky dip, 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 or committee. The more prizes we have the more funds we can raise. Also do not be shy in stepping forward to help with the fair. The date and more details to follow in the next newsletter.

Christmas party: The end of term Christmas party will take place on Friday 18th December – the last day of term (TBC) we are fortunate that a disco run free of charge by Toby Wightman will be the entertainment for the morning.

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Pound Hill Pre-School web-site: The website is now live. Please visit the site and let us know what you like and if you have any ideas on how to improve the site further.

Cooking funds jar: On the table in the entrance hall is a big empty jar. Please fill with £1 coins or more. When it is full cooking activity will take place for the children.

Book Bag: We have had a lot of parents sign up their interest for the book bag. Please bring a cheque payable to Pound Hill Pre-School in a sealed envelope with your Child's name printed clearly on the front; please indicate how many bags you require. Bags are £4 each. Hand your cheque into a member of staff. All orders to be in by Monday 12th October.

Fruit and Vegetable Basket: Please be reminded that all children are to provide one piece of fruit or vegetable per session i.e. an apple, orange, pear, banana, grapes, cherry tomatoes, cucumber or dried fruit. This will allow children greater choice (great for those that miss breakfast). Of course pre-school will continue to provide milk and water.

Apologies: Please accept our apologies for the cancellation of the parents evening. We hope you were not too disappointed if you have any unanswered questions you hoped to have raised during the evening please do not hesitate to take advantage of the Wednesday morning surgery, 11.30 – 12.00. Drop in and speak to a member of staff in complete confidentiality.

Volunteers: Last year we were fortunate to have a number of regular parent volunteers who came in to offer their assistance. Duties include washing up and cleaning paint pots but most important it gives you an opportunity to witness and join in with the pre-school activities. If you are able to spare any time then please sign up on the board in the entrance hall.

Equipment needed: Newspapers, Old (clean) sheets / duvets, a Sand Pit (preferably one on legs) Please speak to a member of staff if you are able to help.

Thank you: A most deserved Thank-you to all those who supported our table at the Pound Hill Community day either with their time, cakes or visiting and spending money.

Dates for your diary:

Photographer – 14th October

Sponsored Obstacle Course – Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October

Christmas Concert – Thursday 17th December (TBC)

Christmas Party / Last day of term - Friday 18th December (TBC)

Watch out next month for our E-newsletter!