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Pre-School News

April/May 2014

WELCOME TO OUR MAY NEWS

Our current topic is
books



During this term, our topics will be *information books* for two weeks, followed by *story books* for two weeks. Lots of opportunities for show and tell!

FUNDRAISING



The next bake sale at the Methodist Church Coffee Shop is on Tuesday 13 May. Cakes to sell on the morning are gratefully received, and you are all very welcome to call in for a drink/cake 9:30 – 11:30

DATES

Mon 5 May Bank Holiday

Tues 6 May INSET DAY

Fri 23 May last day of term

Mon 2 Jun new term starts

Thurs 3 July INSET DAY

Wed 16 July SPORTS DAY

Wed 23 July last day of term

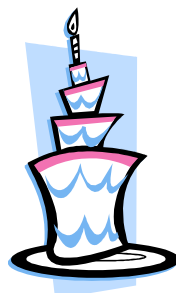
BIRTHDAYS

April is a popular month!

We wish Happy Birthday to Roman who was 3 at the beginning of the month.

Happy birthday to Oscar (4), Niamh (4) and Logan (5) all during the Easter holidays.

And one birthday during May: Happy Birthday to Sam who will be 4



TRIP

On 22 May, we will be going on a trip, details will be sent out in a separate letter.

PARENT/ GRANDPARENT/CARER HELP

Thank you to all who put the fence out on a Monday morning and take it down again on a Friday lunchtime. This task is a vital one and many hands make light work.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

We are outside every day so please continue to send appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoor play. It may be hopeful, but if the sun does shine, don't forget to apply suncream and send a sunhat.

We hope you like the new system of baskets and coat pegs.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



Sainsbury's will stop issuing these on 20 May. We have approx 1100 so far. Can we reach last year's total of 2600?

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Enjoy sharing books together.

Visit a library. The Ashbourne one has a great children's section, and it's OK to make a noise!



Make a scrapbook or book of pictures of favourite people, places, etc.

Try messy play outside, as the weather improves.

Enjoy mark-making in sand, compost, etc.

Junk modelling and painting can be done outdoors too (and no mess inside to clear up!)



COMMITTEE

Brailsford Pre-School is a charity, run by a voluntary committee, who are also Trustees. The current committee and their responsibilities are:

Jenny Patterson (Iris' mum) – chair

Kayla Crouch (Evie's mum) - treasurer

Laura Miller (Niamh's mum) - payroll

Rachel Smith (James & Isabel's mum) - secretary

Jane Baker (Sophie's mum) – staff liaison

Kirsten Salt (Sam's mum) – committee member

The committee are elected annually, but can add to their number at anytime during the year. We are particularly in need of a secretary, as Rachel wishes to step down, and we will need additional committee members to join us and replace other parents who will be leaving the committee in September. You don't have to be a parent to be on the committee, we welcome grandparents, carers, or anyone else who has an interest in supporting our Pre-School. The main responsibilities as a trustee are the employment of our brilliant staff team, looking after the finances, fundraising. Please speak to a member of the committee if you would like to know more.

Any ideas or contributions to the newsletter can be sent to brailsfordpreschool@gmail.com.

You can follow Pre-School's fundraising efforts on their Facebook page, "Friends of Brailsford Pre-School."