



## Handsworth Pre-school Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2013 - First Half

Dear Parents and carers,  
On behalf of all the staff here at  
Handsworth Preschool, welcome to the  
first term of the new academic year  
2013-2014.

#### Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 2 October - Committee meeting 8pm @ 67 Richmond Avenue, Highams Park** - All parents are welcome and it will be an excellent opportunity to find out a bit more about how the parent committee works. Although 'Committee' may sound a bit daunting, the meetings are informal, sociable evenings.

**17 October** - Possible strike by teachers, however we are planning to be open on that day.

**21-24 October - 'Stay and Play week'**. This is a 'special' week when we encourage parents to drop in and play. One of our highlights is on.....

**Tuesday 22 October** - Outing to the local woods (Further details to follow)

**Thursday 24 October** - last day of this half term.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - preschool reopens for business.

Please consult our notice board & website  
([www.handsworthpreschool.co.uk](http://www.handsworthpreschool.co.uk)) for information on up and coming events.

For parents new to our setting, we would remind you that if you wish your child to stay for lunch, you will of course have to provide a packed lunch which is clearly marked with his/her name. We try to encourage healthy eating and would be grateful if you could kindly refrain from putting sweets in his/her lunch box as this often causes upset amongst other children. If you do not wish your child to stay for lunch, pick up time is at 11.30 am. We also operate a 'no nuts' policy and would be grateful if you would avoid putting nut-based products in your child's lunch.

We would be grateful if you could try to discourage your children from bringing their own toys into pre-school. We realise that this can sometimes be difficult to do, in which case we would ask that they put them on the big table in front of the kitchen hatch and we will return them at the end of the session.

Other reminders include labelling all

coats, hats, scarfs, bags, wellies etc.....

As you are know we run a snack table throughout the session and would ask if you would be able to donate to this, by either bringing in items such as fruit, crackers, raisins etc... or by putting money in our snack jar which is on the registration table when you arrive in the morning.

Parents/carers are always welcome to visit for a session. If its helpful for you to 'book a date' we do put a parents rota up on the door - please add your name when you are able to spare a morning (or Wednesday afternoon). As well as helping us, it is a lovely opportunity to become involved in your child's learning. Also on the door there is a list of dates asking parents to help us by taking the towels home at the end of the Thursday morning session to wash and then return on the following Monday. Again, we are very grateful for this help.

If you would like to buy your child one of our wonderful, bright yellow t-shirts, the cost is £4.50 each or two for £8.00, just ask one of the staff or a committee member.

