



Handsworth Pre-school Newsletter

Autumn Term 2014 - 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
2014-2015.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 25 September - Committee meeting 8pm @ The Preschool - 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.

22-23 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 21 October - Outing to the local woods (Further details to follow)

Thursday 23 October - last day of this half term.

Monday 3 November - preschool reopens for business.

Please consult our notice board,
home-school journal & website
(www.handsworthpreschool.co.uk) for
information on up and coming events.

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. At Handsworth Preschool we are passionate about promoting the Importance of healthy eating and ensure that this is reflected in our daily snack choices. For more information and ideas for healthy lunches please refer to the 'Change for Life' and 'Childrens food trust' websites. If your child attends both sessions on a Wednesday, you will need to provide a packed lunch which is clearly marked with his/her name. Again, as well as having healthy eating in mind, we would be grateful if you could kindly refrain from putting sweets in his/her lunch box as this often causes upset amongst other children. We also operate a 'no nuts' policy and would ask if you could avoid putting nut-based products in your child's lunch.



Book Bags - Could we please ask parents/carers to bring (and take home) their child's book bag on a daily basis. As well as being used for the book lending scheme, the bags were primarily intended for the distribution of information/artwork between the setting and yourselves. We have also introduced a home-school journal this term which your keyworker will talk to you about in further detail. Please check it regularly and ensure that it stays in your book bag.

We would be grateful if you could 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.

Please can we remind you to label all coats, hats, scarfs, bags, wellies etc.....

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.

And finally, a big 'thank-you' from all the staff for the lovely gifts we received at the end of last term.

