



Chestnut Trees Preschool

NEWSLETTER 2008-09

*Celebrating 40 Years
1969-2009*

<p style="text-align: center;">Term Dates</p> <p>Tuesday 20th January Quiz Night @ POW Thursday 13th February End of Term 3 Thursday 26th February Committee Meeting Thursday 19th March 40th Birthday Street Party Saturday 21st March 40th Birthday Fete Mon. 23rd February—Fri. 3rd April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contacting Preschool</p> <p>If you need to contact the Preschool (for example if your child is unwell; unable to attend Preschool; or if you need to contact the staff in an emergency) the phone number is 07929 240719 (between 9am-1pm).</p> <p>For general enquiries about the Preschool, the office number is 01793 784088.</p> <p>Or email chestnutspreschool@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>Alternatively you can contact the chairperson directly.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Chestnut Trees Staff 2008-09</p> <p>Val Clinch Supervisor Helen Jenkins Deputy Supervisor Amanda Bird Pre-school Assistant Sarah Mangham Pre-school Assistant Helen Sutton Pre-school Assistant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preschool Regalia</p> <p>T-Shirts £5.00 each Sweatshirts £8.00 each Fleeces £14.00 each Sun hats £3.00 each</p> <p>All items are bottle green with a gold Chestnut Trees logo. Order directly from Laura, or via the Preschool website.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Committee Members 2008-09</p> <p>Matthew Thorne Chairperson Jo Tilling Secretary Becky Peal Treasurer Alex Peal Treasurer Becky Dharmasiri & Matthew Thorne Membership/Administration Heather Hunt Health & Safety Laura Howell Regalia Nikki Moore Banking Michelle Hedges Parent Helper Rota Paula Head Parent Liaison Carolyn Courtney Sally Ellis Newsletter Kelly Sheppard</p>	<p>Welcome to the New Year at Chestnut Trees Preschool.</p> <p>Every term there is a different topic for the children to explore. Our topic for this term is <i>Festivals & Celebrations</i>. There is a supplement to this newsletter (on the noticeboard) which explains the context of this topic and what the children will be doing. We ask that parents & carers loan books and puzzles relating to the latest topic. These items should be clearly labelled and will be returned at the end of the term. Thank you for supporting this scheme, which greatly increases the variety of books and toys for the childrens' enjoyment.</p> <p>Last Term</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who joined in the Christmas celebrations with our Christmas Play and end of term party. Together, the Pantomime and Christmas Play raised over £500. This year's pantomime will be "Mother Goose".</p>

The New Term

Quiz Night—Tuesday 20th January

Everyone is welcome to join in the quiz at the *Prince of Wales* pub. The questions start at 9pm. People will be meeting from 7:30pm onwards. We need to know numbers for teams and booking tables. Please see Matt.

40th Birthday Celebrations

The big news this year is that the Preschool is 40 years old.

To celebrate, we will be hosting a **Street Party** for the children on Thursday 19th March, and a **Fete** on Saturday 21st March, with activities for the children and the local community. If you (or friends/relatives) have any old photos relating to the preschool in its earlier years, please talk to Matt.

Reminders:

Diary System

Each child has their own individual diary which is kept in the trays near the notice board; please use the diaries to communicate with staff when necessary. This is useful if you have information you wish to tell the staff that morning and avoids any crowding at the door, children struggling to get in, or anyone slipping out unnoticed. Write your message in the diary and give it to your child to hand into a member of staff when they enter the preschool.

If a different person is picking up your child up from preschool, please write it in the diary and ask your child to hand it in to staff. If different arrangements need to be made during the morning whilst your child is already at preschool, please phone the preschool contact number (07929 240719) and give staff the full name of the person picking up your child.

Pushchairs

It has been requested that parents park their pushchairs in the entrance to the hall or to one side in the lobby in order to avoid congestion and blocking doorways to preschool. Please try to park pushchairs considerately during morning rush and do not take them into the cloakroom.

Letter of the Week

Week beginning	number	Subject
12 January	6	Birthdays
19 January	4	Saints Days
26 January	8	Chinese New Year
2 February	3	International Celebrations
9 February	5	Valentine's

This term we will be promoting a **number of the week**; would you please help your child find a number of objects or an item with a number on it to be placed in the interest box.

We will also have a **person of the day**; please look at the list on the board to see which day your child has been selected for and on this day they may bring in any item to show at group time. This will give an opportunity for every child to stand up and speak in front of the group, increasing confidence and self esteem within the preschool.

****Disappearing Name Tags****

The children's name tags keep disappearing from the box by the notice board—please encourage your child to take **only their own name tag**.