

# **WESTWOOD FARM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL**

(Registered Charity No. 294802)

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## **Sept/Oct 2009 Newsletter for the Westwood Farm Community Pre-school.**

### **Calendar**

17 <sup>th</sup> September	Next committee meeting in the preschool, all welcome.
30 <sup>th</sup> September	School photographer from 11am
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of the autumn break
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Start of second half of term

### **Welcome back!**

First of all, welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday. Also, a very warm welcome to all the new children who have started this term. We hope you all have a great time at preschool and get involved in lots of fun activities.

We have an open door policy, so if you have any questions about the preschool or how your child is doing just ask one of the staff members.

### **Staff changes**

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Kamelia Griffiths who started work at the preschool this term. We're sure that she will find working at the pre-school to be a fun and rewarding experience.

### **School photographer**

On weds 30<sup>th</sup> September from 11am, the school photographer will come to the preschool. If your child is already at preschool during this time then the staff and one parent helper will make sure that your child's photo is taken. Siblings of children in the session should come after 11am for a family photo and children not in session should come between 12.30pm and 1.30pm with an accompanying parent.

### **Playground**

You'll be pleased to know that work on the new playground is currently underway and the groundwork is now complete. Building work is due to start in the third week of September following the installation of a new exit door, which means that your little ones will be able to have fun outside very soon!

### **New Committee members**

We are still looking for general members to support the existing committee, so if you are interested in helping out and getting involved in the pre-school, please join us. The committee is vital to keeping the Pre-school running, because if we have no committee we have no Pre-school. If you would like to join us call Veronica on 07899955256 or email [veronica@circle123.co.uk](mailto:veronica@circle123.co.uk) .

### **Interest table**

The interest table is a very important part of our Pre-school. It gives the children a chance to show something from home and link the preschool with their life at home. It is a good way to build their confidence when they are asked to tell a little bit about their

item. So please do help your child to pick something that he/she can relate to and contribute to the theme of the preschool.

**Pigeon holes**

In the entrance of the preschool you will find a pigeon hole with your child's name on it. It will have all the paintings, drawings and other work from your child and also the forms and information from the preschool staff and committee. Can you please check it regularly, Thank you.

**Lunch club**

We still have spaces available in our lunch club. Please phone Jo Cordery for a place on 0118 9678878 or e-mail her on [jocordery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jocordery@yahoo.co.uk) . Also, the flexible 'Pay As You Go' Lunch club gives you the chance to book your child in for the next day or next week depending on availability. Please check for places with the staff members in the Pre-school. It has to be paid on the day of booking and is £3.00.

**Parent helpers.**

Parents who would like to help out on a morning or afternoon in Pre-school when your child has his/her session can write their name in the diary that is on the name table in the hall. It will give you a perfect opportunity to have a look at what the children are doing during a session. The new children will need to be settled in before you can come and help so please ask the staff members how your child is doing. Unfortunately, we cannot allow younger siblings to stay with you during the session.

**E-mail**

To save time and resources, we would like to try and send out newsletters and any other information, where possible, by email. Please fill in the form below (even if you have done so previously) if you would like future preschool correspondence sent via email:

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Yes please, I would like my preschool correspondence sent via email where possible.

Name..... Child's name.....

My email address is.....

Please fill in and cut out this slip preferably before the end of September and give to Edna Wickens. Thank you.