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Letter of the Week

The children will be starting after half term with the letter “S” – it would be great if you could all remember to find something for your children to bring in for circle time to show Jackie, Kath and Shelley and the other children.

The items the children bring in do provide a great starting point for teaching and discussions.

Donations for Snacks

As you are all aware, the preschool is running a very tight budget this year due to low child numbers, we are trying to save money wherever possible to allow us to continue to run into 2011.

With this in mind we would like to ask all parents to consider giving a donation towards the children’s snacks – we are going to pop a piggy bank on the table and would be very grateful if you could all make a small donation on a weekly basis, every little helps!!

Booking sessions

Session forms will be going out for the summer term towards the middle of March – can everyone please take time to ensure they book the sessions they would like for the whole term.

We apply for the funding in the first two weeks of term so any changes after that mean we cannot receive funding for any extra sessions.

We may miss out on income that is vital for the preschool. We receive £3.54 per hour for the funded children so it is really important that we claim for the right sessions.

Grants

Nicola has been working really hard applying for grants to save the preschool money and to buy some fantastic new equipment for the children. We are expecting some brilliant new computers for the children which we are buying with money given to us by the National

Lottery—it is a tremendous achievement to win an award from the lottery so a huge thank you is due to Nicola. We have bought a new bookcase which allows the children to choose books much more easily – it folds up and locks so is perfect for our setting. We have also received £1500 towards our running costs which is a huge help to our finances and £1220 towards advertising and a website—Well Done to Nicola!

NVQ 3

Kath has started her NVQ3 and will be working towards this qualification over the next few months, we would all like to wish her well!!

New Building 2010

As everyone is probably aware we are on a short list for a new building, it will be a purpose built log cabin style building that will mean we are completely in charge of our own building, it will be amazing for the preschool and will really change how we work.

Victoria is liaising with the Planning Office at DCC and is keeping the committee up to date. At the moment we are waiting for the outcome of a planning application for the building to be built on the school playing fields – hopefully by the end of April we will know if the building is going ahead. Victoria has the plans if anyone would like to see them

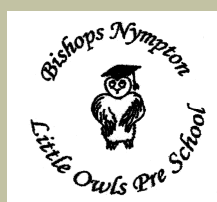
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FUNDRAISING NEWS

We had a fantastic autumn term for fundraising, everyone worked really hard and we raised £1046

The calendars were a great success. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to sell the Rotary Draw tickets – we raised £252. As always the Christmas Bazaar was fantastic, thank you to everyone for their hard work, for making the wreaths and all of the produce for the stall. Thanks in particular to the mums who had left the committee but came back to help out and to Jenny for the Christmas Cake. All of our stalls worked very well and for the first time this year we had some brilliant days out as raffle prizes so thanks to Kate and Victoria for organising those.

There are a few ideas floating around for the Spring term. We will keep you posted with diary dates via notes in your trays.

Bishops Nympton Parish Hall Committee

The Parish Hall committee would like to invite a representative from the Pre School to join them to take part in meetings and provide a point of view as a member of the community and the preschool. Please contact Victoria if you are interested on 01398 341250

Rota

The rota is working well at the moment so thanks to everyone - could we just remind you to ensure that you do make any swaps and let the person who is picking up your child know about the rota duties.

Term Dates

SPRING Term Feb 22nd 2010—Thursday 1st April 2010

SUMMER TERM 20th APRIL—JULY 22nd 2010

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May
31st MAY-4th June - HALF TERM