

# St Michael's Church Pre-School and Nursery Newsletter

The Old Vicarage, 24 North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 4PB

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As we look forward to the summer and hopefully some sunshine. We want to keep you updated of what's happening in the Pre-School and Nursery. We would like to send a warm welcome to all the new children and parents that have recently started with

us. We hope your children are settling in and that your time in the setting will be a happy one. If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions the office door is always open!

**Vanessa and the Team**

## Pre-School and Nursery News

### Keeping you up-to-date

It is with great sadness that we have to announce Catherine Hart has resigned her post with us.

### Getting involved

We have a song sack that has been put together for parents to take home and share with their child. It is a great way to



develop their language and communication skills. Also a good opportunity to learn some of the songs we sing at Pre-School and Nursery. Please speak to a member of staff if you wish to borrow it.

We also have a cookery bag that again provides an ideal opportunity for you to share experiences with your child. A book is provided for you to put in pictures of your child, they can then show their friends what they have been up to.

Please remember your child's profile is available for you to look at any time. Please add your comments. Also why not complete a "wow certificate" and let us know about things your child has achieved at home.

Please feel free to come in and play anytime too.

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**Did you know that we have a Facebook page.**

## Policy of the Term-

An extract from

### **St Michael's Church Pre-School and Nursery Sickness Policy**

During a child's time at the setting it is highly likely at some time or other illness or sickness will occur. It is not our policy to care for sick children. We feel that children need to be fit and well in order to fully participate in the setting. Children that are unwell should remain at home until they are better.

### **Procedures for children who are sick or infectious.**

- If you feel your child is too ill to attend Nursery/Pre-School please ring to let us know and state the nature of the illness. This will enable staff to be watchful of similar symptoms occurring in other children.
- After sickness or diarrhoea, parents/carers must keep their children home for 48 hours from the last bout.
- Rashes- Should a child develop an unknown rash, medical advice must be sought by the parent/carer to establish the cause and determine if the rash or condition is contagious. Rashes that are known to the parent and identifiable by the Nursery/Pre-School team must be closely monitored. Should the rash change or the child show other signs or symptoms, parents/carers must be contacted and medical advice sought.
- When children have been prescribed medication please follow our medication policy.
- We have a H.P.A. poster detailing exclusion procedures for all illness/infections - see staff for details.

## Active Kids Vouchers

We would like to say a big "Thank You" for your support in collecting the Active Kid Vouchers. We have collected 11,822 vouchers and have ordered the following



items.

- Octagonal outdoor bench
- Number bean bags
- Deluxe hoops
- Small balance kit
- Egg and spoon sets
- Assorted bean bags
- Rainbow foam balls
- Activity rings
- Stampabouts
- Sequencing spots
- Hedgehog stones
- River stones

Once again thank you for your support, the children will have great fun using these items outside.

## "What I want to be challenge"

The children joined in this event by dressing up as Super Hero's, Nurses, Doctors, Fairies, Builders and lots of other professionals. We have raised over £250.00 in sponsorship, which is absolutely brilliant. Well done to all those who supported this worthy cause. If you have any outstanding monies please send into the office.

## Our 25<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fun Day

What a fantastic event, thank you to everyone for your support and generosity. It helped that the weather was with us and we have raised about £600. We will use this money to update the courtyard.

## Car Parking

- For the safety of the children all Pre-School parents are requested NOT to drive their cars into the Vicarage forecourt due to the narrow entrance to the Old Vicarage and restricted car-turning space.
- Nursery parents are asked not to park in the car park unless they have children that are not walking or more than one child if possible.
- The forecourt is for staff vehicles and emergency vehicles only.
- Please drive slowly and park in the spaces provided if you do use the car park. Please do not park in the turning bay.
- Buggies and car seats may be left on the premises at the owner's risk. The detached garage is available to store such items; a key is available from the office, for a small deposit. The Pre-school and Nursery cannot be liable for any loss or damage to your property.

## Dates for your Diary

**Father's Day Breakfast on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 – 10.30am. (Come and join in the fun with bacon and sausage rolls supplied).**

**Leavers Service for Pre-School will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – details to follow.**

**Leavers Service for the Butterflies will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the afternoon – details to follow.**

**Parent conferences for those children leaving to go to school in September 2014 will be held on the following dates, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Please check the notice board to see which day your child's key person will be available and sign up.**

**All other parent conferences will be in July.**