

Summer holiday photos

We would love for the children to bring in any photos of themselves on their holidays. We will be talking about the holiday and the experiences enjoyed and then display them in the setting.

Sickness and Illness

Can you please inform us via telephone if you expect your child to be away from playgroup for any longer than 2 days.

Parent rota and Washing up rota

Are you able to help at pre-school? We always welcome parent/carers help whether it be for the whole session or just for half an hour to help to load the dishwasher and tidy the kitchen. It is a lovely way of seeing how your child interacts at playgroup and it would be very much appreciated by the staff. Please fill in the applicable rota which is placed on the parent information board.

Change of details and/or allergies

Please inform us immediately of any change of details ie. address, telephone numbers and health issues such as allergies and/or medication.

Thank you for your co-operation in paying the fees in advance as required by our policies. This is working well and cuts down on a lot of chasing. Please, speak to Caroline if you are experiencing any difficulties as it is often better to know in advance rather than later.

Late Pick Up Charges

Please be aware turning up late to collect your child not only causes upset in some cases but also has an effect on our staffing arrangements. We do impose a discretionary £5 charge on late collections which covers the first 5 minutes; each additional 5 minutes or part of is then charged. We do of course appreciate that hold ups can be caused by things out of your control but may we please ask you to contact us as soon as is possible to ensure your child is put at ease.

Suggestion Box We now have available a suggestion box which is placed in the entrance foyer. If you do have any ideas or suggestions please let us know about them. You do not have to give your name if you prefer not to.

Parking Please do not park in the Manor school car park or park in the bus bay when dropping off and collecting children.

Our Annual General Meeting is due to be held in November. Please think seriously about what help you may be able to bring to the group. Without a committee there will be NO PLAYGROUP. Dates will follow soon.

Whos who.....

Donna Elmore – Early Years Leader (L3), Jenny Jeffrey – Early Years Deputy Leader (L3), Claire Wyant – Early Years Practitioner (L3), Leanne Squirrell – Early Years Practitioner (L3), Gail Benford – Early Years Practitioner (L2), Alison Day - Early Years Practitioner (L2), Caroline Irons - Administration Officer (L3)

Stefanie Gray – Chairperson, Stephanie Kirbyshire – Treasurer, Kim Davies – Secretary, Claire Burgess, Nicola Barker, Dayna Parish, Natalie Belsey, Emily Avis, Julia Bowles, – General Committee Members.

FUND RAISING NEWS:

Before the Summer holidays we were informed that we had once again been successful in receiving a Capital grant of just under £9500.00 from Northants County Council. This money is now being spent on items such as puppets, storage units, role play equipment, a new book/quiet area to consist of new seating, rugs and books. We have also now had new blinds which I am sure you will agree brighten the setting up immensely. As part of the price negotiation I promised **Barry Matthews** from **Matthews Blinds** that I would mention his company in our newsletter. They can be contacted on 01933 227598 and offer a reliable and friendly service.

Bags2School is back....Following a very successful collection of unwanted clothing in the summer we now have another date of 12th November 2010. Please, please have a clear out and make room for a new Christmas wardrobe!! We will be collecting the bags from Monday 8th November and must be here by 9am at the very latest on Friday 12th November.

Funmats are making a welcome return. This proved very popular in the summer term and will make ideal Christmas presents as the items that can be produced vary greatly whether it be as a coaster or a computer mouse mat there is sure to be a 'gift' for every member of the family. Over the next 2 weeks children will be producing their artwork within session times. If however, extra artwork is required by our children or indeed their siblings we are offering after school sessions of 3:15 – 4:00pm on Friday 17th and Wednesday 22nd September (parents/carers must remain with their children). All artwork is to be sent off by end of September with proofs/samples being returned to us before the October half term. This will give us plenty of time to place the orders and receive the items in time for Christmas.