

# CUMNOR PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY NEWS – June 2010



**WELCOME** to a new term at nursery, with the summer holidays fast approaching. A special welcome to Harry, Niels, Elizabeth, Bradley, Aimee, Noam, James, Rebecca, Isabelle and their families who have all joined us recently. We hope you enjoy your time with us. Apologies for the lack of a newsletter again last term (we are still looking for a Chair Person!). This is how the Committee communicates with parents to keep you informed of Nursery news so please read on...

**NEW BUILDING!** As you probably know by now, we are expecting to have our building replaced in the coming months. A planning application for the new building has been submitted. It will be in the same spot as our existing building, so it will be necessary for us to move out for a period of about 3 months, whilst the work goes on. The move itself will be small, since Cumnor School is making one of its temporary buildings available to us (backing on to our play area) but there will be some challenges to overcome. For instance, we won't have the use of our play area so we will have to use the school playground and hall when they are not in use by the school. Temporary toilets and storage will be installed. We hope that the transition will be easy for the children, as the staff will stay the same and most of the furniture and equipment that they are used to will move to the temporary building. Whatever difficulties we may face will only be for a short time and we will have a brand spanking new Nursery to look forward to at the end of it all! We will be looking for volunteers to help with the move nearer the time.

**The move to temporary accommodation will have some bearing on which session, morning or afternoon that your child will be attending in September. A fuller explanation will be included with the request slips that you will be receiving soon.**

**SUNNY DAYS** We are at last having some summer weather. Don't forget to apply sun cream before coming to nursery and bring a hat. We'll provide a hat if you forget. **Please make sure all items of clothing and bags are named to help the staff at the end of the session!**

## **FUNDRAISING**

We'll be holding another **CAKE SALE** on Friday 9 July. Please make us some cakes, biscuits or sweets to sell, or send bought ones if you prefer. We'll send a paper plate home the week before the sale to remind you. As usual, we'll be selling at lunchtime outside pre-school and from around 3pm at the main school gate.

**TESCO VOUCHERS** We managed to collect 5,300 vouchers, thanks to you and a little help from our friends! This year we have decided to bank them so that we can choose something when we are in the new building, adding them on to next years collection and getting something really special.

**SUMMER CHALLENGE** Every family is receiving the details of our Summer 'In the Garden' Challenge. We hope you will be able to take part and help raise funds for Nursery.

**BAGS2SCHOOL** The total weight collected was **251k**. This was a good amount considering we have only 50 families compared with 200+ in school, I think the majority of the bags were ours!

## **PRE-SCHOOL OUTING – Friday 2 July 2010**

This year's pre-school outing will be to Farmer Gow's. We had a wonderful day out there last year and hope to repeat the success. A coach will leave from outside school in the morning and return us in time for school pick-up. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PRE-SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY. CHILDREN ON THE TRIP MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT AS THE PRE-SCHOOL STAFF WILL NOT BE THERE.** More details nearer the time.

## **END OF YEAR / END OF BUILDING PARTY – Thursday 15 July**

We will have a lunchtime celebration to say farewell to this year's leavers and to our building. This will take the form of a picnic for children and parents/carers followed by entertainment provided by Dizzie Dean. Heather Broome (Head of Cumnor School) has generously allowed us sole use of the back field. You will be told final arrangements nearer the time.

**MRS SIMS' Absence** It's Midsummer Madness time again and the Committee are once again allowing Joanna a few days off to indulge her 'senile dementia' at that annual mudfest – Glastonbury! This is her fourth year, and NO, it is not going to rain this time! She leaves Nursery in the capable hands of Margo and the rest of the staff and committee. It would be appreciated if slots for parent helper could be filled for Wed 23 June and Thurs 24 June.

## *Your pre-school, your committee*

You may not realise just how central you are, as a parent, to the very existence of our pre-school. Cumnor Pre-school was established by parents to provide a good, affordable, local pre-school. That meant setting up a charity, employing staff and managing finances. Those roles now fall to us, the current parents. Anyone can join the committee and have a say. Elections are at the AGM in October but there is no need to wait. We always welcome new recruits and now would be a great time to join, before the parents of this year's leavers disappear. Why not come to the next meeting, to see what it's all about, or ask to see a copy of the Committee member's pack, which details each role.

**The position of Chair still remains to be filled and several other positions will be vacant at the end of the term. Please speak to the staff at the pre-school or one of the committee members if you would like to know more.**

### **We're always looking for fund-raising ideas too! Recent events:**

May Nearly New: £500; Bags2School: £100; Easter raffle. Cake Sale 9 July.

### **Current committee members:**

Chair	(vacant position)		
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**PARENT INFORMATION** Have you noticed the parents' notice board outside? Session information, term dates, committee details and fees are displayed here. Inside the building on the left-hand side as you enter, we have created another parents' area. Here you can find admission forms, forms for ordering sweatshirts and T-shirts, our complaints procedure and information on how to contact Ofsted. We also have a selection of books that you may borrow on the small bookcase. Copies of the Nursery Policies, Minutes of Committee Meetings and past copies of the Newsletter are also available. These are for you to read so please feel free to look at them at any time.



**Please try to remember the school rules not to bring cars inside the gates or on the drive at any time, and not to park by the letter box or on the zig-zag road markings. Please do not let your children ride bikes or scooters on the school drive at busy times, before 9.00am or at home time in the afternoon. This school rule applies to us too!**

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You can download a copy of this letter from our Web site, as well as find updates on our activities and application forms for new children.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Pre-School Outing** – Friday 2 July  
(pre-school closed on this day)  
**Pre-School Cake Sale** – Friday 9 July  
**Nearly New Sale** – Saturday 20 November  
**Bags2School** – Friday 26 November

### **Term Dates 2010-2011**

**Term 6:** Tues 8 June to Thurs 22 July 2010  
**Term 1:** Mon 6 Sep to Fri 22 October 2010  
**Term 2:** Mon 1 Nov to Fri 17 Dec 2010  
**Term 3:** Wed 5 Jan to Fri 18 Feb 2011  
**Term 4:** Mon 28 Feb to Fri 8 April 2011  
**Term 5:** Wed 27 April to Fri 27 May 2011  
Bank Holiday Monday May 2nd  
**Term 6 2011:** Mon 6 Jun to Fri 22 July 2011