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SPRING 2015

Outside there are daffodils lifting their cheery heads and the weather is definitely getting warmer. Maybe spring is round the corner.

We can celebrate these new beginnings with the news that Tarnya has had her baby. I'm sure that you would all like to join me

in wishing her many congratulations on the arrival of Elsie. Everyone is doing well.

New beginnings reminds us of our own beginnings 50 years ago. It must be time for a party. On Saturday 14th from 7pm till late. It will be really special but we would love some help especially with providing

food. There will be a food list on the notice board and we would love you to sign up if you can help or if you can come.

And finally, don't forget about our amazing trip to LEGOLAND on 21st May. There are still some tickets left so please get your cheque and consent forms in quickly.

PRE-SCHOOL REMINDERS

spring 2015



Please remember.....

On arrival all the children should put their names on the board before washing their hands.

Names, names, names. Make sure your that all clothes and water bottles are clearly marked. All children need to put their names on the board when they come into their session.

There are no parking spaces for pre-school parents around the centre. All spaces in the centre car park have been strictly allocated to the staff of Reading Borough Council, Pre-School staff and Emmer Green Primary School staff; each has allocated areas and unfortunately **none remain for pre-school parents.** The doctor's surgery car park is also strictly for the use of patients and surgery staff only. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Scooters Unfortunately, we are not able to store scooters at pre-school as space in our storage cupboard is limited. If you wish to leave scooters at pre-school they can be locked up in the bike racks outside.

Dates for your **DIARY**

SHOW & TELL

The children all love bringing us things for Show & Tell. This activity gives the children an opportunity to gain confidence speaking in front of a group supportive environment.

SHOW & TELL DATES

FRIDAY 6th March

MONDAY 9th March

TUESDAY 17th March

WEDNESDAY 25th March

P.E.

Starting school holds all sorts of challenges. One of those shouldn't be the skills needed to change into PE kit. Practicing these simple things helps the children feel happier. Please make sure the children bring a named PE kit.

P.E DATES

MONDAY 2nd March

TUESDAY 10th March

WEDNESDAY 18th March

FRIDAY 27th March

BIG SCHOOL CLUB

In these special sessions we will help get the children ready for school with whole group activities.

BIG SCHOOL CLUB

DATES

WEDNESDAY 4th March

MONDAY 30th March

Emmer Green Pre-School



You are invited to attend our

50th Anniversary reunion party on

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2015 from 7pm until late

BAR | FOOD | ENTERTAINMENT



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EASTER SERVICE

This years Easter service will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 1.30 at St Barnabas Church if you can join us. There will be tea and cakes at the pre-school before the service starting at 12.30 and afterwards there will be an Easter Bonnet Parade back at pre-school. We can't wait to see the hats that the children make at home. Bring on those chicks, bows, flowers and ribbons.

THINGS WE NEED

We need your help. Remember that Emmer Green Pre-school is a charity and any help you can give would be gratefully received. This term we are looking for **Bulbs** or **Seeds** for planting. **Pots** to plant them into and **any garden equipment** which will make things easier to plant seeds.

We are also hoping to add to our kitchen area with any old **pots and pans, kitchen utensils** or **kitchen equipment**. Bring out your old and unwanted **cooking stuff**. We have a good home waiting for it here. Don't forget table cloths or just some material, plates and cups will add to the culinary experience.

And finally, do you have any craft items including **paper, card** or **cotton wool**. If you are de-cluttering ask us whether we could find your unwanted things a new home. We would love to hear from you.

Snacks and Eating

Healthy Eating. Please try to give your child healthy food in their lunch box, as the pre-school is keen to encourage healthy eating. Remember small fruit and tomatoes need to be cut to reduce the risk of choking.

Allergies. please be aware we do have children with serious allergies in the pre-school and so it is important that everyone is careful of items that contain nuts or sesame seeds. Be especially careful about items such as Tracker or cereal bars.



GRAND PARENTS Week 2 - 6th March

Bring us your grandparents and let them see their grandchildren in their pre-school environment.

Do they know how to play an instrument or do they enjoy paper folding or painting. If they have a special skill they could share with the children please let us know. We would love to let the children see those special talents. Let us know if they can come join us.

ABOUT OUR FUNDING

Emmer Green Pre-School is a registered charity (1087387) and therefore must raise its own funds. The majority of our funding comes from the government, however, like all state funded pre-schools, the money we receive for free places from the local council sadly does not even cover our running costs.

Your voluntary contributions and fundraising support help fill the gap in funding to ensure we maintain our high level of childcare. The money is put towards the cost of day-to-day resources including play equipment, craft materials, an excellent range of activities like cooking and gardening and, where required, additional staffing. We hope that you are happy to support us with this. We suggest a half-term voluntary contribution of £5 for children attending 2-3 sessions per week, £10 for those attending 4-5 sessions per week and £15 for those attending 6 sessions or more per week. Every penny you give is very much appreciated and put to good use. Thank you!

Parents must be assured that you are under no obligation

to contribute and, if you are unable to contribute, that this will in no way disadvantage your child but please let us know for our records.

Childcare vouchers can be used to pay voluntary contributions and lunch club fees. If you need more information please contact Wendy or Lorraine.

OUR WEBSITE

www.emmergreenpreschool.org.uk

Our website is kept up to date with events and information. Some Pre-school forms are available on the website in the 'Committee and Parents' section, so if you need forms relating to administering medicine at pre-school, notification of holidays or of incidents at home these forms are now all available to print from the website.

Please remember to check our website regularly. In the event of bad weather or other situations closing the pre-school, updates will be available for you there.

We also have a Facebook page where updates will also be posted. Please remember to 'LIKE' and 'SHARE' the page if you are a Facebook user.

RACE NIGHT Saturday 25th April



With a 25ft track for pull-along wooden horses plus totes to take your bets, it will be an exciting night different from the rest... invite family and friends & arrange babysitters.

Don't worry if you haven't been to a race night before, our professional host will explain how it works. Tickets are £10 and include a hearty homemade dinner. And if you'd like to feel the thrill of being a horse owner for a night, just £3 gets your name and your choice of horse name in the race programme plus gives you a chance to win a prize (and bragging rights!) if your horse wins. This is a great opportunity for family and friends who can't attend to support the night.

Doors open at 7.30pm, first race at 8.00pm
Where: Emmer Green Primary School, Grove Road
Please order your tickets by Wednesday 1 April from Wendy / Lorraine



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