

# TURVEY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

## Newsletter.....May 2010

**Welcome** – We are pleased to welcome several new children who have joined us this term – Rhys, Joseph, Alfie and Paige. We also very pleased to welcome Granny Helen who comes in on a Monday morning.

**Front garden area** – This project is well under way and over half term a team from Santander is coming in to work on this. Thanks to them for their time and for contributing £250 towards the project. Thanks too to Debora Morley for all her work on it. We don't anticipate that everything can be done in one day but are sure that we'll be well on the way, so look out for some changes when you return after half-term

**Sunny weather** – Now it's warming up we all need remember what we need to do. At times it's already proving very hot in our play area and the sun canopy is out but we'd like to remind you of our sunny weather guidelines which are attached to this news letter for you. **Pre-school sun hats and t-shirts are for sale at £3.50 each.**

**Ad hoc sessions and lunches** – Our sessions and lunches are full this term so if you'd like any extra ones, they are only available if another child is away. Please check the noticeboard outside and sign up for any sessions/lunches you would like. If you are going to be on holiday, please let us know – it might be useful to someone else!

### **What are we doing at pre-school?**

This term we are taking the lead from the children and observing what interests them as well as listening to their requests. We are also including activities that will encourage their development in areas where we have noted they need support.

Several of our older children are interested in writing and you can support them with this at home by letting them have pens, pencils and paper or notebooks – lined are good to help with placing letters correctly. If your child wants to write, it is important that they learn to form letters correctly at an early stage and that they use lower case. If you'd like a sheet to help with this, please ask. Don't worry if your child isn't wanting to do this – they will when they are ready! If you'd like to talk about this, please ask.

We are including various cutting activities to encourage good scissor skills and this is also something you can do at home. Having thin paper helps when first learning to use scissors as well as an adult to help with holding the paper.

Later in the term we will be using Summer as a theme.

### **Dates for your diary**

**w/c 31 May** – half term

**23 June- committee meeting**

**w/c 28 June** – scrapbooks given out

**14 July** – open day

**21 July** – Teddy Bears Picnic

**21 July** end of term

**Children's scrapbooks** – Your child's record of their time with us will available to take home to look at and share together from 28 June onwards. Your keyperson will pass this to you and once you've looked at it we ask you to return it with the feedback sheet signed and dated and with any comments. If your child is leaving us this term, their scrapbook will be given to you at the end of term as a permanent record of their time with us.

**Going to school** – 17 of our children will be starting 'big' school in September and we will miss them all. As part of the transition process we have invited their new teachers to come and visit them here at pre-school. Mrs Lewis from Turvey Lower will be coming on 9 June and we hope to subsequently have teachers from Olney and Lavendon visiting.

**Spare clothes** – Please, please make sure your child has spare clothes – we have lots of water play this term! And if you've borrowed any from us, please return them because we've run out....

**Open day, Wednesday 14 July** – A chance to see what goes on when your child's at pre-school. Just call in at any time and stay as long as you like. Take a look at displays and take the opportunity to ask questions too. We look forward to seeing you.

**Teddy Bears Picnic, 21 July** - Our annual end – of-term event is currently being planned. More details to follow.

**Sainsbury's & Tesco vouchers** Please bring in any last vouchers you have so they can be counted. Thank you to everyone who has done this.