



## Newsletter June 2010

### "Dad in a Box" Success

I'd like to start with a big thank you to everyone who took part in the "Dad in a Box" activity. Kay reports that all the children really enjoyed sharing the contents with the rest of the Pre-school and were very proud to talk about their Dad's jobs, hobbies and interests etc. It was really nice for the staff to learn a bit more about the Pre-school Dads too and all of their hidden talents!!

### Offwell Flower Show

The children will be doing some artwork at Pre-school for this year's Flower Show. If you would like to see your child's work on display please come a long to the show at Offwell Village Hall on the afternoon of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Work Experience

A Year 10 student from Honiton Community College will be gaining experience of life at the Pre-school during the week Of Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July. This will be the third year we have taken on students and have found their contribution in the past to be mutually beneficial for all. All the necessary risk assessments will be in place to make this run smoothly.

### "Letters and Sounds"

Kay recently attended an excellent course regarding letters and sounds. She is now hoping to put together a short leaflet summarizing the aims of the course to enable parents to share some of the techniques at home with their children.

### A Big 'Thank You'

A big thank you goes to the Batten family (of 'Uncle Buncles') for donating delicious brown bread for Pre-school snack time. Thank you also for the fabulous biscuits that the children were given as part of 'Dad's Week'.

### Sports Day

Just a reminder that 'Sports Day' will soon be upon us on Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>. This promises to be a really fun morning for all the family, so please feel free to bring along as many supporters as you can muster. The 'Leavers Celebration' will take place a week later on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, more information to follow nearer the time.

### Summer Holiday Trip to Bicton

Kelly is currently organizing a trip to Bicton for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July open to children, parents and carers etc from both Friday's Toddler Group and the Pre-school. Apparently, if we pre-book we can get a generous discount so keep your eyes peeled for a sign-up notice on the door.

### Committee News

Our next Committee Meeting is set for the 29<sup>th</sup> June when, unfortunately, our current chairperson, Suzanne Meylan, will step down. Thankfully our vice-chair, Clare O'Toole, has agreed to hold the fort until our AGM scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> September when we will be looking

to appoint a new chair. As you know, the Pre-school is run as a Registered Charity and relies on the voluntary committee members to fulfill the school's legal responsibilities and requirements, support the work of the Pre-school staff and help to raise additional funds. Although this may initially sound like an arduous task, it really boils down to a meeting held every half-term and any tasks arising are always evenly spread among members. We are a very friendly bunch and would really welcome some additional members. If you feel as though you might like to get involved or even step up to be our next 'Chair' please have a chat with me or any of the other committee members.

**Bridget (OUF Administrator)**