



## Newsletter January 2010

We have now said 'Goodbye' to Florence, Grace, Joseph, Lauren, Scarlett and Zachary, we know they will all have settled well into BIG SCHOOL.

Joining us are Lizzie, Hattie, Olivia, Katie, Luca and Reuben and although we haven't had a great start to the new year (weather wise!) we are looking forward to welcoming them all into Pre-School.

### Ofsted Inspection

As you will now be aware we had our inspection on December 8<sup>th</sup>. You can see the full report at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) Please also see this weeks 'View from Honiton', where we have received a nice write up on page 8.

### Spring Term 2010

This half terms topic is 'Dinosaurs'. This is following on from the children's interest sheets that have completed by yourselves. If you have anything at home that we may be able to use please let us know. We would like to be able to make 3D craft 'junk model' dinosaurs and if you could bring in anything useful in that would be much appreciated.

### Ladies night

Just to thank everyone again for the amazing support on the night. The money raised means we should be able to purchase our new lap top and printer. We will be researching the best deals over the next few weeks and will keep you informed.

### Volunteer Staff

Julie is continuing to help out 2 sessions per week and we now have Kellie Mannisto (Dionne and Remmi's mum) for 2 sessions also. Julie will be undertaking her NVQ3 and Kellie her level 2 in the new year. We also have another parent who wants to undertake their training with us and awaiting confirmation as to when all their official training is to commence. Please don't feel that now we have extra staff on each session that we do not need our parent helpers.....we would love for you all to continue to sign up on the rota, your help is invaluable to us.....the more the merrier!

**Staff training**

We have now renewed our Safeguarding children awareness certificates and attended food hygiene training. We are looking to attend further courses in the near future to assist with phonics work and to get the best out of our setting environment.

**Funding**

As you are all aware, the government funding is in the process of being amended. Further information will come to you as soon as the situation has been clarified.

**Term Dates....**

- Spring Term 2010 - 5th January 2010 - 1st April 2010
- Half Term - 15th February 2010 - 19th February 2010
- Summer Term 2010 - 20th April 2010 - 21st July 2010
- Half Term - 31st May 2010 - 4th June 2010
- May Day - 3rd May 2010

Non-pupil days - 1st, 2nd September 2009, 2nd November 2009, 4th January 2010 & 19th April 2010 .

(This is as per Offwell School dates)

**Paving Slabs!**

We are on the beg! If anyone has some spare paving slabs we are desperate to make a walk-way alongside our sheds at the back of the hall.....let us know if you have any, thank you!

**And Finally.....Operational Plans to be reviewed.**

We are once again attaching policies to be reviewed.

Please could you take a few minutes to read and, if you want to make comments/make amendments please let us know.

This is to ensure that all parents/carers have the opportunity to know our policies and, so you are more aware of how Pre-School is run.

This time it is.....Safeguarding Children Awareness

**Kay and Michele**

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