



Newsletter May 2010

Hello

I'd like to start with a belated welcome back to Michele. It's great to see her back and fighting fit again. A warm welcome also goes to our new children: Dylan White, Maddie Lawton and Freya Clutton, I'm reliably informed that they have all settled in beautifully. We also look forward to welcoming Lewis Batten and Megan Oram in the very near future.

...and Goodbye

Sadly we have had to say goodbye and good luck to Joel Paveley, who has left to join his older brothers at school in Wellington and his mum, Sam, who has played such a vital role as Pre-school Treasurer. We have also said a reluctant goodbye to Kellie, who has worked so hard for us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Kay and Michele are now on their own on these days and would really appreciate any additional help from willing parents or carers - a 'Parent Rota' is usually up on display on the Pre-school door.

Thank You For Your Donations

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have recently donated toys to the Pre-school. Thanks go to Marilyn Lundy for a beautiful pink bike, Lucy Lanning for an alphabet jigsaw and Sam Paveley for a great selection of diggers and trucks. We have also received a brilliant new set of large wooden building blocks from Devon County Council.

Fundraising

Thanks go to all those that supported our 'Sports Relief' efforts - we raised a commendable £40.50, with an extra £20 raised at the 'Easter Extravaganza' that will go straight into the Pre-school funds. The Pre-school committee will be discussing further fundraising ideas at their next meeting. We will of course let you know further details A.S.A.P.

New Laptop and Printer

I'm pleased to report that the new laptop and printer is fully operational and being put to good use. Anyone who would like to make use of either for Pre-school related business is welcome to do so.

Lovely Paint Job!

Kay has sent congratulations to the Cotleigh Village Hall Committee for the fantastic new paint job on the hall. I'm sure you'll agree that it's really brightened things up.

Spare Topsoil, Anyone?

Work has started in earnest on the Pre-school allotment that proved such a success last year but more topsoil is needed for the raised beds. Could anyone spare a bucket or two from their own garden? That way we can save funds for other essentials. Please let Kay or Michele know if you think you can help.

Teapot Tales

Cara of 'Teapot Tales' has been booked for May 18th. A 'donation pot' will be available to parents on the day to try to cover her travelling expenses of £20, she has very generously agreed to give the rest of her time free of charge.

Pre-School Policies

Just a final reminder to parents and carers that all of Offwell Under Fives policies are available on our website (www.offwellunderfives.com). Anna does a fantastic job of keeping the site updated so it's always worth a look.

Bridget (OUF Administrator)