

## TERM DATES

• Last day of term :  
Wednesday 31 March  
2010

• Return to Pre-  
School: Tuesday 20  
April

• Bank Holiday:  
Monday 3 May

• May Half Term  
: Monday 31 May to  
Friday 5 June

• Teacher training :  
Monday 19 April



# WILLOW BANK PRE-SCHOOL Spring Term 2010 Newsletter

Published by the Willow Bank Pre-School Committee

Hello to all parents, guardians and staff, the committee is pleased to introduce a newsletter for Spring 2010 which, as from this issue will be available to view on our website. We also have a new parent, Kathryn Shaw, producing the newsletter and we hope you enjoy the new format. If you have any news or articles to be included please contact Kathryn by mailing [wbps@live.com](mailto:wbps@live.com).

## PARTY!!!!

We will be having a celebration to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pre-school on Saturday 22 May. All current pupils, their family and friends are invited to come along and join in the fun. If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to help please contact Zoe or a member of the Pre - School Committee.

### PROFILE - Getting to know the Staff

**NAME:** Diane Prince

**ENJOYS:** Gardening, Tennis and Bike Riding

**DISLIKES:** Flying

**FAVOURITE FILM:** Notting Hill

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Roast Dinner

**LAST DVD WATCHED:** Curious Case of Benjamin Button

**INTERESTING FACT:** Diane is half Austrian

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

**Monday 15 March - Parents' Evening (7-9pm)**

An opportunity to talk to your child's key worker, the pre-school committee and to view your child's learning record.

**Monday 29 March - Photographer**

The Tempest photographer will be available to take portraits of your child. Siblings also welcome.

**Wednesday 31 March - End of Term Party**

Fancy dress, fun and games for the children with a suggested donation of £1.

### WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ann-Marie, Sharon and Akanksha who have joined the team this term as 1 to 1 practitioners.



## THANKS

A big thank you to you all for supporting pre-school fundraising last term. Some highlights include:

- £430 raised from the Nativity events.
- We sold £735 of Tempest photos from which we gained £141 commission to add to the pot.
- Other significant figures were £57 from Scholastic book sales and £26 from leavers' photos.

A special thanks to Peter Sullivan of Aventa and Panasonic for their donations of the new IT equipment used in the pre-school. Peter has also kindly offered to sponsor any future IT support we require.



## CHILDREN'S INTEREST

**Ourselves** - This is loosely the theme for this term and the children have been drawing self portraits with the help of a mirror, they have also been drawing their families.

**Chinese New Year** - The children made moon cakes and lanterns to celebrate the festival. They have also tried prawn crackers and ate rice using chopsticks at snack time.

**Pizzas** - The children made and decorated their own pizzas.

**Upcoming** - For the remainder of the term the children will be finding out about Mothers' Day, St Patrick's Day and St David's Day.

## LEARNING RECORDS

The children's individual learning record is regularly updated by the staff. Please remember that your child's learning record is available to you at all times for you to view and add to.

## PRE-SCHOOL UNIFORM

A pre-school cap has now been added to the uniform 'collection' priced at £4. You can also purchase the following items:

- Printed short sleeved t-shirt sizes 3-4 & 5-6 years £3 each.
- Embroidered sweatshirts sizes 3-4 & 5-6 years £8 each.
- **Special Offer** - buy one t-shirt and one sweatshirt for only £10.

# COMPETITION

This term we are running a competition for children at pre-school to find the best Easter Egg design - blank template attached. The child can choose how they would like to decorate their egg. The winner will receive a prize and all entries will be displayed in the pre-school. Please submit all entries to the pre-school. The closing date for entries is Monday 22 March.

## WHO'S ON THE COMMITTEE?

- Iram Sethi (Chairperson)
- Helen Linge (Treasurer)
- Sue Olliffe (Secretary), Emilia's mum (AM)
- Margaret Hannan (Burser)
- Nikki Magnusson
- Jess Giles, Lucy's mum (AM)
- Cheryl Burke, Myles' mum (AM)
- Harriet Slingo, Joshua's mum (AM)
- Louisa Creasey, Thomas' mum (AM)
- Clare Lacey, Robin's mum (AM)
- Kathryn Shaw, Freddie's mum (AM)
- Jacky Mackenzie, Mitchell's mum (AM)
- Laura Davies, David's mum (PM)

## WE NEED YOU...

We desperately require trades-people (electricians, carpenters, plumbers, experienced DIYers) for paid work around the pre-school. Is this you? Do you know someone who can help? If so please let one of the committee members know.