

# Tring Community Preschool



Newsletter – ½ term dates 1.9.08 – 22.10.08

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back, we hope you had a relaxing long summer holiday!

We would like to welcome our new children and their families to the Pre-school – Antony, Caitlin and Ethan . . . we hope you will enjoy your time here.

We would like to welcome our afternoon children to the morning sessions – Reece, Thurkga, Harry, Kieron, Kieran, Cerys, Freddie, Nathan and Jack . . . hope you'll have lots of fun!

Please note: the staff are unable to talk to parents/carers at 9.00 am (because of settling the children in and registration time) – if you need to speak to a staff member you will be asked to take a seat and a staff member will be with you once the children are settled

Our web page: [www.tringcc.dsl.pipex.com/preschool.htm](http://www.tringcc.dsl.pipex.com/preschool.htm)

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Big birthday wishes go to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this ½ term: Reece is 3 on 10<sup>th</sup> October

## OUR TOPICS

Our topics for this ½ term are 'MINI BEASTS and AUTUMN' – we will be looking at ladybirds and spiders, going on a bug safari and making / eating lots of veg and fruit for our harvest/autumn theme – we will have a Harvest Festival show to sing some of our new songs for you

## FEES

This ½ terms fee slip will be sent out the week beginning 1.9.08 – PLEASE NOTE ALL FEES MUST BE UP TO DATE by Friday 17.10.08 to ensure a place for your child the following term.

Please note: fees can only be paid at the end of the session (after all the children have left – please ensure you take a receipt)

Please return grant/support funding forms by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

## PHOTOGRAPH'S

Andrea Lane will be here on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – to take some lovely photos of the children (we know they may seem a little on the expensive side but we feel that they are quality photos – unlike many 'school' photos of the children) but have a look – you are not pressured into having your child take part / purchasing them, and Andrea is only too pleased to help with your photos requirements – letters will be sent out shortly

### GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

This is a chance for us to say thank you to all the grandparents for the difference they make and to show our appreciation . . . so we are inviting all grandparent's to come along on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (please see notice board for times)

### JEANS for GENES day!

Everyone knows this event by now – wear Jeans for the day to help raise much needed funds for this great cause!

This is being held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - this is part of our RAMADAN celebrations we are having at the beginning of term – helping others / giving to charity. We will be decorating a jar – fill this with coins – bring back on Jeans for Genes day . . . all money collected to go to this great cause.

### BIKE DAY!

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

This is the day you bring your child's own bike / scooter in for the day . . . we learn to ride our bikes and share with others!

### STAFF UPDATE

Michelle is continuing her SENCO courses and Lydia is now qualified as our CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER. We welcome Linda (Nanny) who will be working with us this term (due to the high numbers of children)

### CHANGES AT PRESCHOOL

The staff will be very busy settling new children in and it is a very busy term for them so please can we ask for your help during this term . . .

FEES – please pay any fees after the session (when all children have left) – please ensure that you receive a receipt for each payment given

SNACK – each week we will allocate a colour group to bring in fruit/veg for the children (please see notice board for your child's fruit/veg weeks) – this replaces our snack money and gets the children involved more - everyone knows how important a healthy snack is – we hope you and your child will have fun finding exciting fruit / veg for us to have

### FUND RAISING EVENTS ideas and thoughts

We would like make up a recipe book with our children's favourite recipes in to sell at Christmas . . . please supply us with your child's if you wish to take part If you have any ideas for fund raising jot them down and place them in our suggestion box! (or any suggestions for topics or comments)

## Dates for your diary . . .



Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2008	New ½ term begins Fees slip and newsletter sent out
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	RAMADAN Collection jars will be sent home – collect coins – return 3.10.08
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	RETURN all grant / support funding forms
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	LEAF WALK We will require helpers to enable us to take the children on our 'leaf walk' (If you are free please see notice board)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	GRANDPARENTS DAY! Please see notice board for times - as we have many children – many grandparents . . . but we would love to see them all!
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	JEANS for GENES day! Wear jeans for day – bring in your collection jar
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHS!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	HARVEST FESTIVAL SHOW All welcome 11.00am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	DIWALI – celebrations
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	LAST DAY OF TERM!

We hope you all enjoy our topics this half term  
Lei, Michelle, Lydia and Nanny Linda



PRESCHOOL RETURNS on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008



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Our 'topics' for the term dates 1.9.08 to 22.10.08 are ' MINI BEASTS and AUTUMN . . . '

We will be looking at:

Ladybirds, ants, spiders, we will be going on a bug safari in our room / garden. We will be making things with apples and vegetables. We will be going on a leaf walk to collect LOTS OF LEAVES for our autumn theme, we will be looking at scarecrows and pumpkins . . .

We will also be covering the following events:

Ramadan  
Grandparents day  
Jeans for Genes day  
Harvest festival, autumn equinox and Diwali

We will be learning the following rhymes:

Incy, wincy spider & big black spider  
Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around  
Ants in your hat  
Autumn leaves are falling down

We will reading the following stories:

Buzz bumble to the rescue  
Incy wincy spider  
The enormous turnip  
How many sleeps

You might wish to help you child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Our suggested activities are:

Enjoy the first signs of autumn – look for all the autumn colours you see – when out exploring allow them to bring in things they find . . . to go into our interest box! Talk about . . . the nights getting darker with autumn . . . why the leaves fall off the trees . . . healthy fruit / vegetable around at harvest time . . . helping others less fortunate than themselves . . . But mainly have fun exploring the arrival of autumn . . .

