

March 2011

Laurel Preschool



Spring term updates

The Spring term will hopefully see a return of milder weather - eventually! And we would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that the children have daily access to the outdoor area. If your child could attend with suitable clothing for changeable weather it would help us greatly in ensuring they can make the most of our lovely garden.

We will also be starting to do some activities around planting and growing as the

weather improves. If any parents or other relatives have an interest in helping with these activities and can share their expertise with us please speak to a member of staff. We would love to work with you.

We will be hopefully booking some more sports sessions with Mark for this term and next very soon. These sessions will be open to all children attending on the days they are offered and we will make sure all children get the opportunity to take part. We

do need to ask for donations from parents to cover the costs of these which can be placed in the box on the main desk.

THANK YOU!

Important dates

Start of Spring term
Jan 10th 2011, 9.15
Half term break
Feb 18th 12.15 - Feb
28th 9.15

Please note:

Sports sessions with Mark Chisholm will soon be restarting. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the sessions so they can join in freely. A timetable of dates will be posted on the noticeboard as soon as they are available.

Laurel Preschool now has a page on Facebook!

If you have a Facebook account you can add our page as one of your favourites and keep up to date through our regular announcements there too.

We will continue to use our own website, letters, email and text messages to communicate with you too, but the Facebook page will give us a quick method of letting you know about upcoming events and important news items. Please let us know if you are following us by clicking the "Like" button on the site.

The preschool is always grateful of donations of different things for use in play activities (empty boxes, bubbles, etc) and for using in fundraising activities (raffle prizes, etc). If you have anything you think we might be able to use please speak to a member of staff. a list of items needed soon will be posted on the noticeboard.



The preschool is due to be inspected by Ofsted, and all parents and carers involved in the setting are invited to make comments on our service for the inspector to read. As we do not have advance warning of an inspection please put your comments in writing and place in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of the inspector, and pass this to Joanne asap. We will then pass these to the inspector unopened. You are welcome to make comments on any aspect of the preschool and express your opinions on how we care for and educate your children.

SPRING UPDATE (cont)

Our policies are currently being reviewed by staff and updated to include changes to legislation and practice. When this stage of the review is complete we will be asking parents to comment on the revised policies and you are welcome to contribute to the review at this time. Please look out for more information about this in the coming weeks and if you have any comments or concerns please speak to a member of staff or the committee.

Speaking of the committee - if you are interested in getting to know more about what the role of the committee and the Friends of Laurel Preschool entails, or you would just like to come to a meeting, please feel free to come along to one of our regular meetings advertised on the noticeboard. You will be under no obligation and you are very welcome as we always enjoy hearing new ideas and suggestions as to how we can improve or develop.

From half term we will be trialling a snack donation system, designed to involve both yourselves and your children in deciding which foods we will be eating at snack time. We will be asking the children to make some choices of the kinds of snacks they would like to have in the coming weeks and then we will display this information on the noticeboard. We would appreciate it if any parents can then make a donation of any of these items for the children to enjoy. And if you have any suggestions for items you would like the children to share at snack time please feel free to bring these in too. The preschool promotes healthy eating but we try to ensure that the children understand this concept in terms of a variety of foods in moderation, so a variety of snacks including, but not restricted to fruit and vegetables, are welcome.

