



# Children's Voices

## The King Street Pre-school Newsletter

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King Street Pre-school is a registered charity – number 1121482

**March 2009**

### ***New staff***

Melanie Maltby has joined King Street Pre-school as our new pre-school assistant. She has four children of her own and has just passed her NVQ 2 in childcare. She is a very welcome addition to the great team we have at King Street!

### ***Extended hours – a reminder***

From September 2009, King Street Pre-school will be offering longer sessions. Parents are currently entitled to 12 ½ hours of free learning and care per week, over 38 weeks a year, across a minimum of three days, from the term their child reaches three years of age.

All local authorities are required to increase the time offered from 12 ½ hours to 15 hours by September 2010. King Street Pre-school has been chosen by Cambridgeshire County Council to offer this increase a year early.

This means that from next September, **we will be opening for half an hour longer per day, from 9.15-12.15pm**. Please can you tell Dana as soon as possible if you would like your child to continue at King Street Pre-school next September.

### ***Parental help rota***

The rota is working well. Many thanks to all the parents who have helped out so far; it is much appreciated. There are lots of other ways to help also such as:

- giving a short talk about your job or culture
- helping out on the committee
- help maintain our website
- if you are good at compute aided design, we need a plan of the Octagon room drawn up
- our large floor cushions are looking a bit worn; can anyone sew two new cushion covers for them?
- our photocopying costs are high so if you have access to a cheap photocopier, please also get in touch
- please email Melissa Clark (Chair) [melissajefferies@hotmail.com](mailto:melissajefferies@hotmail.com) if you can help with any of the above, including King Street Pre-school in the subject line

### ***Fundraising***

Many thanks to all that brought and bought at the last, very snowy, cake sale; we raised £40.50!

- In your drawers is a small bag for you to recycle old mobile phones, and ink cartridges. Good for the environment, and it raises money for the pre-school!
- We are collecting another CD Bell plant order – please fill in the order form in your drawer and return by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The plants are good quality, and a great way of brightening up your garden.



### **Sponsored Easter hop!**



We will be having a sponsored Easter Hop on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring your child at 11.15am if they do not usually come on that day. Each child will be completing an Easter Hop obstacle course which will involve lots of bouncing and hopping! Your child can dress up as a rabbit, or anything else from your dressing up box! Of course, each child will receive an Easter egg at the end of the morning. Attached to this newsletter is a sponsorship form. This is a great way to raise money for the pre-school so please try and get as many sponsors as you can!

### **Questionnaire and paperwork**

Please can you all fill in and return the questionnaire, also in your child's drawer; it will help us decide in what ways we can improve the service we offer. Please return by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Many thanks to all who have returned the new registration forms, and we hope you have all now received a CD-ROM copy of our new policies and procedures.

### **Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's sport vouchers, and the Tesco computer vouchers. Please bring them in and place in the correct collection box.

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Questionnaire forms and CD Bell plant order forms returned

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 11.15am, Easter Hop!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – End of term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Start of summer term, please also return sponsorship money this week

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Day, no pre-school

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – End of term

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