

NEWSLETTER



SKETCHLEY HILL MENPHYS NURSERY

JANUARY 2016

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had a good time and made the most of the holiday. The Children's Christmas Party and the Christmas Sing-A-Longs all went fabulously and we hope that you enjoyed them, if you were able to attend. Seems a long time ago, already! The Nursery is well in to the start of the new term and lots of fun activities have been happening. We hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter, if you have any suggestions about areas for improvement with the Newsletter please send your suggestions to Beverley.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

The Christmas Jumper day was a big success and everybody looked great! Thank you for all your contributions, we raised £18. The Raffle held at the Christmas Sing-A-Long raised £126 for the Nursery, which was an incredible amount. Thank you all for your support.



PEOPLE WHO HELP US

The topic this term is 'People who help us' and the children are having lots of fun learning about lots of different jobs. Last week the local Policemen came to visit the Nursery and brought their Police Van for the children to explore! Lots of fun was had by all, trying out the siren and going in the van, as well as dressing up and joining in themed activities in the hall. We are having a visit from the local Fire Crew, with their Fire Engine, in the next couple of weeks so more excitement for all. The Lollipop Man from the local school will also be visiting the children! Each visit will involve themed activities for the children and will be fun as well as educational!



SPRING FAIR—SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2-4pm



Once again it's that time of year when we start preparations for the Nursery's annual Spring Fair. This is our main fund raising project of the year and is always lots of hard work, but worth all the effort in the end! To help with the preparations we would be very grateful if you could donate any of the following items: Raffle prizes, Bottles of wine (full and empty required, with screw top lid please), Chocolate, Soft Toys, Cakes (but not till Friday 15th April, or the staff may want to eat them!), Books (but not bric-a-brac please). Should you have any ideas for stalls or wish to contribute (in any way) please contact Beverley (in the office). All offers of assistance are most gratefully received! Last year we raised over £4,000 lets hope this year will be even better!

WINTER CLOTHING

At Nursery we like to make sure the children get as much fresh air as possible.....whatever the weather!! Be it rainy or snowy we like to get out to play. It would really help if the children could come into Nursery with winter coats, hats, gloves, etc. The Nursery does have some wellies but if your child could bring their own in that would be great. Please can you make sure all your children's clothes are clearly labelled. Thank you.



SNOW CLOSURES

Talking about snow..... if there is heavy snow overnight the Nursery may not be able to open. The Nursery website will tell you if we have to be closed, the website address is:

www.menphysnursery.co.uk. Or you can listen to BBC Radio Leicester 104.9FM who will list all school closures before 9am. Sometimes we need to close early due to bad weather, please keep us up to date with phone numbers so we can contact you if required. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNINGS

- ◆ Tuesday 9th February
- ◆ Wednesday 9th March
- ◆ Thursday 14th April
- ◆ Friday 13th May
- ◆ Monday 13th June
- ◆ Thursday 7th July.



All Coffee Mornings are 9.30-11.30am, we hope you are able to join us.

Happy Birthday to Connor, Lewis, Garrat, Ollie and Zachary who are celebrating their birthdays in January and February. We hope you had/have a lovely day.



HOLIDAY DATES

Nursery opens: Wed 6th January 2016

Half Term: 15th to 19th February

Nursery closes for Easter: Thurs 24th March



Nursery opens: Mon 11th April

May Day Bank Holiday: Mon 2nd May

Half Term: Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June.

Nursery closes for summer: Fri 15th July.



TILT AND TURN TABLE

Much of our fundraising over the last year has been to purchase new and exciting ICT equipment for the children to use. Here is a photo of one of the children using our brand new device—the 'Tilt and Turn Table' ! As you can see the child is playing a piano but the children can draw, colour and many, many other things. It is basically like a very big I-pad and you can open apps and software on it appropriate to the children's needs. The children, and staff, absolutely love it and it has been well worth all the fundraising efforts made to purchase it. If you attended last year's Spring Fair then you helped to pay for this fantastic piece of equipment! Thank you for your support! Thanks also to Friends of Menphys for their support to!!





SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Tuesday mornings (10.00-11.00)

Burbage Junior School

and/or

Wednesday mornings (10.15-12.00)

Dorothy Goodman School



We are looking please for volunteers to help the children during their swimming sessions.

We like to take a small group of around 3-5 children swimming to the above venues.

It is very rewarding and we have lots of fun!

Voluntary work is subject to DBS clearance.

Please contact the Nursery on 01455 890684 if you are interested. Thank you.

NURSERY PHOTOGRAPHS

Christina Lauder will be coming in to Nursery on Wednesday 3rd and

Thursday 4th February to take the children's photographs. Full details have been sent home with your child. It would be very helpful if you could send the reply slip to Nursery ASAP so that we can gauge numbers. The photos are always beautiful and parents are always delighted with them.



FRIENDS OF MENPHYS

The Friends of Menphys are a group of volunteers who fund raise for the Nursery. They do a fantastic job and organise lots of amazing events for the Nursery and the children. They are always grateful for new members and make them very welcome. If you would like to join please just come along to the next meeting on Thursday 10th March at 7.45pm. The meeting will be held at the Nursery. We hope you can join them.



FUNDRAISING FOR NURSERY

Huge thanks to everyone who has fund-raised for the Nursery over the last few months. Steve Day raised £950.40 from his entry in the World's Solo Mountain Bike Championship in California. An amazing £1328.70 was raised at a Charity Cricket Match. We also received £152.00 from the Burbage Motorcycle Club. The staff and parents who attended the Alternativity in Hinckley, before Christmas, also raised £321.60 for the Nursery. We are extremely grateful to everyone who is willing to fund raise on behalf of the Nursery...your support is appreciated more than we can say.



AUTISM OUTREACH SERVICE

Coffee Mornings and Afternoons are held by the Autism Outreach Service. The 'Morning' sessions are held at 'The Watson Room' at the Menphys Centre in Wigston, from 9.30-11am. The next date is February 26th. The 'Afternoon' sessions are held at 'The Higham Way Baptist Church' in Burbage from 1-2.30pm. The next date is February 25th. More details and further dates can be found by contacting the Autism Outreach Service on 0116 3059400. There are also posters up in the Nursery.