



FIRST STEP PRE-SCHOOL

CTK Newsletter—Term 3 (Mornings)

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We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year. The staff would like to thank every-one for all the presents we received which were very much appreciated, though we may need to have a sponsored diet after all those biscuits and chocolates! Thank you for your generosity.

Winter weather—Now that winter is well and truly here, it is important that you send your child to pre-school with suitable clothing for going outside - the children need to get fresh air and exercise. **Please** make sure you name all coats, hats, scarves and wellies. In the event of heavy snow please check your e-mails or the website to find out if we are open, or telephone.



Bedtime Stories—Towards the end of term all morning children will be invited to come back to Pre-school in their pyjamas for a fun time of stories and hot chocolate. A letter with full details will be sent out in due course.

Show and Tell—We will be starting our phonic sounds again, going over some of the sounds we have already done. Children are invited to bring in things to

Theme for Term 3
Animals

Letter of the Week

To help the children learn the phonic sounds of letters we cover one letter each week. Children may bring in an item beginning with the same sound once each week:

Week 1 : a and b
Week 2 : c and d
Week 3 : e and f
Week 4 : g and h
Week 5 : i and j
Week 6 : k and l

Dates for Your Diary

13/01/10 : *Committee Meeting*
22/01/10 : *Library visiting us*
14/02/10 : *Chinese New Year (which we will celebrate in week 6)*

show as long as it begins with the same sound. Show and Tell will not be done every day and children should bring only one thing per week, connected to either the topic or letter of the week. Please try to discourage your child from bringing in personal things which would be upsetting for them if they got lost or broken.

Parent Rota—The new Rota sheet is on the wall in the entrance. **Please** sign up if you are able to help—it is a special day for your child and a chance for you to switch off from housework and “play” for a few hours! Don’t forget that Dads and Grandparents are always welcome too!

Pets Welcome—A lot of the morning children have a big interest in animals—including wild animals, farm animals, pets, minibeasts and pre-historic animals. We have arranged for Zoolab to bring their Creepy Crawly Roadshow, but they are unable to come until the week after half-term. So instead we would like to ask for any well behaved pets to be brought in. If you have a suitable pet, the children would love to meet it, either at the beginning or end of any session. Please speak to a member of staff to arrange a date.



Term Dates—Term 3 ends on Friday 12th February and the new term starts on Monday 22nd February.

Safety—For the safety of all concerned I would like to remind you to walk around the edge of the play-ground if the schoolchildren are playing outside when you are collecting your child. It would also be appreciated if you could stop them from playing on the school equipment on the way out, as they would not be covered by insurance in the event of an accident.

Garden Project—We are pleased to announce that we have been given a grant by South Gloucestershire Council to give our garden a makeover. We had some plans drawn up in the summer by a designer, using ideas she had got from the children and the EYFS. There will be raised beds for children to do more growing and the shelter will be extended. Obviously the work cannot be done while the children are here, so it is planned to be done in the Easter holidays.

