



# Newsletter November 2011

Rising Fives Pre-School Group, Whitchurch

## Outline of Pre School Autumn term.

- Getting to know you
- Harvest including church visit
- Night and Day
- Pumpkins
- Fireworks
- Cards and calendars for Christmas
- Visit Nativity Play – 5th December 2011 am
- Christmas parties 15th and 16th December 2011 (pm)
- Closed Friday morning (16th December) for staff planning



## Hats, gloves etc.

As we head in to the winter, please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves or mittens as they will still be able to play outside if possible. We would also be very grateful if you could ensure that all clothing, bags, lunchboxes etc. have your child's name clearly visible. Many thanks.

## Nappies / Toilet Training

As you are aware we take children in nappies whilst the staff are happy to change a child that has the occasional accident, but we are once again finding that some children are persistently having to be changed up to 3 times in a session, which we think is beyond the call of duty as this takes up a member of staff's valuable time as it not only involves the cleaning of the child but also any soil areas in or outside the building i.e. clean carpets. Mats, chairs and playground and toys etc as you will appreciate this has to be done during session for health and safety reasons and can involve two members of staff. Therefore we feel that once again it should be in the newsletter to highlight the problem. We do realise however that toilet training can be a difficult time and we do appreciate that the majority of parents seem able to have achieved this by the time they start pre-school. All the staff would appreciate your support in this matter.

## Term Dates for 2011/2012

<b>Autumn Term 2011:</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October</i>	-	<i>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</i>
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	-	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February</i>	-	<i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</i>
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</i>	-	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June</i>
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

## Quiz Night !

Please come along to the next quiz night at 8pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the White Hart. Tickets are £2 per person (including a raffle) for teams of up to 6 people.

## Many Thanks

The children loved preparing the pumpkins for the firework display at the Millennium Meadow – our thanks to the Festival committee for providing us with this opportunity!

## Church Visit

The children enjoyed their visit to the church to see the Harvest and to sing their harvest songs. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who came along and supported us.