



# Newsletter: October 2012

*Rising Fives Pre-School Group, Whitchurch*

## Church visit

The children recently enjoyed a visit to All Hallows church as part of our Harvest celebrations. Many thanks to all of the parents and Grandparents who supported this visit.

## Manager Update

We were hoping to have a new manager in place but sadly we were unable to appoint. We have an advertisement on Hantsweb at the moment and hope to be in a position to interview in November. In the meantime Natasha Lambden who has experience as an Early Years Advisory Teacher is supporting Frances Price and Katie Hardy as a Management Consultant for 10 hours a week.

## Reminders

**Name Labels:** Please could you label all of your child's belongings including: clothing, drinks bottles, lunch boxes etc. This will help us to easily match your child to their belongings.

**Spare Clothing:** We use the outside space in all weathers so please could you send in a spare pair of clothing in your child's bag in case they get messy/wet in their play.

**Lunch Club:** Please could you ensure your child's lunch boxes contain nothing with nuts in as we do have children with allergies. Thank you

## New Beginners

**Welcome onboard** to all parents of new children starting Rising Fives this term!

Don't miss the **Stay and Play notice** outside the main door where you can sign up to come and play with your child- and others. Please do so as we always welcome new faces!

**Welcome onboard** also to our new management committee

The Chair is Nadia Dowling

The Treasurer is Jo George

The Secretary is Jane Redgrave

There are several other committee members who will be noted in the entrance hall. The committee meets once every 4 - 6 weeks. The next meeting is 17.10.12 @ 8pm at Rising Fives. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Communication Ways forward

We are currently reviewing all of the ways that we communicate with parents so that we can ensure we are doing our utmost to engage with every parent.

- **Newsletters:** These will come out each half term
- **Emailing newsletters:** We hope to have this as an option very soon
- **Yellow books:** In the past these have been the main form of home/Pre-school communication. As we will now be focusing on the children's learning journals please make us aware if you have made a comment in the book. We will use the whiteboard to note the children's learning on a daily basis
- **Notice boards:** The board outside the main entrance is where you will find more urgent information. The board outside the office is where you will find more specific information that will help signpost you to services you may require. This is going to be updated very soon.
- **Whiteboard:** this is in the entrance room where we will now note children's learning for the day instead of in the yellow books
- **Web site:** This is going to be updated with photos and information which match our current practice. Thanks to Paul Abbott.
- **Facebook:** Rosanna Devereux is going to update our face book page too and this will be the place to find up to date info about the life of Rising Fives
- **Parish Magazine:** Thanks to Noelle Shrubshall who writes a monthly report

We are always on the hunt for resources to enrich the children's learning. Please see the 'Wish List' on the main door for our current requests. Many thanks for your support.

## Diary Dates

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary open day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
(More details to follow nearer the time)