



## THE BARNA-BUS PRE SCHOOL ~ NEWSLETTER 10

### Welcome

A number of new children have joined us since the beginning of the year increasing our total number of children to 57.

We also welcome Karen Anderson as a new member of full time staff who joins us from another Pre School outside of Tunbridge Wells. Karen has just completed her Level 3 qualification.

### Free Entitlement

With effect from September 2010 (Term 1) children who are three years on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 are entitled to free entitlement funding of 15 hours per week. This is an increase of 2.5 hours on the current entitlement.

Please ensure that any increase or decrease to your child's attendance in September is advised to the Pre School using the "CHANGES TO YOUR CHILDS DETAILS OR ATTENDANCE" form available to download on the Website - [www.barna-bus.co.uk](http://www.barna-bus.co.uk) - or from the Welcome Station at the entrance to the Pre School.

### Sessions

Children who are continuing at Pre School in September will be reserved a place based on their current attendance. It is important that you confirm any changes using the form detailed above, in particular if you wish to increase your child's attendance. Failure to do so may mean that you will not be able to access your required sessions.

### Prices

For two year olds and for hours and sessions over and above your child's free entitlement if aged 3, our fees have remained extremely low since opening in May 2008. The Committee have agreed that an increase to our fees should be implemented with effect from September 2010. Fees for one session will be equivalent to the Free Entitlement figure of £11.40. Additional hours and Lunch Club will be £3.40 per hour. Charges for snack bar will remain at .25p per day.

### Term Dates

Term 5 ends on 28<sup>th</sup> May and Term 6 commences on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please refer to our Website or the Welcome Station for details of further term dates.

### Parent Questionnaire

We would welcome further completed questionnaires. We have received a response from approximately one third of parents and carers. A copy of the questionnaire is available on line or at the Welcome Station. Results of the questionnaire will be available at the end of Term 5.

### Parent/Carer/Staff Meetings

Dates for these meetings are 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June from 5 to 7pm. Details will be sent under separate cover.

## Committee

We are anxious to increase our parent/carer presence on our Committee. Please talk to Pippa or Hilary if you are interested.

## What can you do to help your child's Pre School?

Just about anything! From washing up in the kitchen, washing aprons, towels, toys and equipment to spending time with the children in a session or a lunch club, or building us a sand pit or raised flower beds! We always need help and would welcome your time, expertise or muscle power! Talk to Pippa or Hilary.

## Lunch Time Supervisors

We are very keen to have parents/carers to cover lunch time with the children. This would be on a voluntary but regular basis. Please talk to Pippa.

## May Fair

To raise much needed funds for the Pre School we are having a May Fair on the last day of term from 2.30pm to 4.30 pm. More information under separate cover.

## Leavers Day/Sponsored Toddle around Dunorlan Lake

Our four year olds who are leaving to go to Reception Classes in and around Tunbridge Wells we will be invited to a Leavers Day on 28<sup>th</sup> May (last day of term) when we will celebrate their time at The Barna-Bus and wish them well for the next step in their Unique Story. We will combine this with a Sponsored Toddle to raise much need funds. More details will be sent next term.

## New Environment

We hope you like our new lay out for the Pre School. We still have work to do to continue the planned improvements. We would welcome any suggestions or ideas to make our environment work well for children, parents/carers and staff.

## REMINDERS!!!!

Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing. It is still only Spring and the cold nights mean that the Church Hall remains chilly. Your child needs a warm jumper, fleece or cardigan for inside and until the weather warms up considerably a coat and suitable footwear. Open toed sandals do not offer suitable protection for your children's feet when playing. We have already had a few stubbed toes! A change of clothes is also essential.

*EVERTHING your child brings to Pre School should be named together with the bag it comes in. We have over 30 children a day and it is not possible to remember which bag, coat, lunch box, hat or bag belongs to which child.*

For your child it would be useful to attach something familiar to their lunch box and/or bag so that they can independent and identify their own items.

## Pre School Uniform

It is proposed that from September 2010 children will begin to wear uniform items such as polo shirts, fleeces and bags. This is currently under investigation as to prices and suppliers. Further information will be available soon.

And Finally ....

Don't forget our Website [www.barna-bus.co.uk](http://www.barna-bus.co.uk).

Best wishes from Staff and Committee The Barna-Bus Pre School.