Newsletter
November 2010

What happened on 1st November 1512? If anyone says Sue was born their fees will double!!!

Now we really are on the run up to CHRISTMAS—a lovely and magical time to work in early years. The staff have been busy planning lots of exciting activities, Lynda has been writing the play and Weatherby has been in contact with Santa.

We have two new children joining us in the middle group. They are Lorna McLoughlin and Amelia Jones—welcome to you and your families.

School Admissions

Admissions to reception
Children born 01.09.2006 to 31.08.2007

Online admissions opens on 15th November 2010 and closes 15th January 2011. ALL children will start in September 2011 The following link to Herts County council will give further information

http://www.hertsdirect.org/scholearn/admissions/admissionsinfo/prijunmid1112/

If anyone needs help to apply on line we can do this from the school computer. We will need about 30 minutes after a session to do it. Speak to Sue.

Admissions to nursery
Children born 01.09.2007 to 31.08.2008

The applications for a nursery place at Stepping Stone have been delivered (or are at the school) for all children in the above age range. If you would like more information about our nursery please speak to Lynda. We hope that you will stay with us.

Important Dates
November & December 2010

Saturday 6th November
Saturday Dads

Monday 8th November
Parents evening with:
Zoe & Nicki

Tuesday 9th November
Parents evening with:
Lisa, Lynda & Jo

Wednesday 10th November
Committee Meeting 7.30pm
at the school

Friday 12th November
Fees due

Friday 19th November
Zoe's graduation

Sunday 21st November
CRAFT FAIR

Thursday 25th November
Session for new children 4 to 5pm

Thursday 2nd December
Visit to Knebworth School
(more details to follow)

Saturday 4th December
Saturday Dads

Monday 13th December
Middle Group party (more info to follow)

Tuesday 14th December
Small Group & Nursery Group parties
(more details to follow)

Thursday 16th December
Christmas play rehearsal
(more info to follow

Friday 17th December
Christmas Play
(more info to follow)

Saturday 18th December
Lay down in a dark room to recover!!!

Paper Work Corner

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Philippa Presland **Grace Bishop**
Louis Hobbs **Lorna McLoughlin**
Amelia Jones

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS

Ruby-Pearl Baldwin Jessica Fletcher

CONTRACT

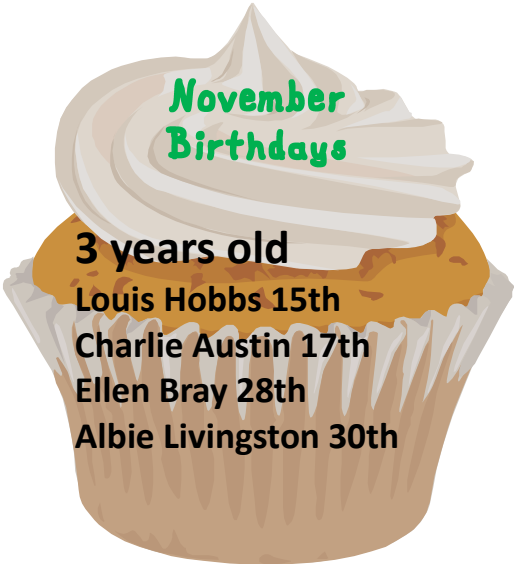
Ruby-Pearl Baldwin

GRANT FORMS (Autumn Term)

Copies in brown envelope

Mia McLaughlin **Thomas Stonehouse**

Thank You
Sue



Fundraising:

Bonus Ball winners:

16th October Zoe King £34.50

Chocoholic catalogues—if you have a book but do not wish to place an order can you return the book please so Linda McKnight can re-distribute them to other schools

Design a Christmas Card—These need to be back at school by Wednesday 3rd November

The Craft Fair is on Sunday 21st November and the committee will soon be contacting you for your help and support

November Brown Envelope

I have had a bit of a production line in my dining room as there is quite a bit stuffed into your envelope this month!!!

Learning Journeys

These are visual records of your child's development. The idea is not just to record their time in the setting but at home, on holiday or any special time in their lives. I have sent a blue sheet home for you to record an event or activity at home. It could be a special day out, a visit to a relative or simply your child completing a puzzle. It does not have to be complicated.

We will be getting a filing system for these and other learning journey forms which will be placed next to the learning journeys that are on the shelf. If you do not want to use it can you return it please and the option is there for you to take more if you want to.

Session Allocation/Lunch Club/ Grant form for spring

Please return these as soon as you can please. I will have a 2500 word essay to write by 5th January so would like to get registers etc. done before Christmas holidays.

Thank you

Friday 19th November
Zoe will attend her graduation at St Albans Abbey

Well Done Zoe

(and well done to Zoe's mum Jo, owner of Playhouse Pre School, who will graduate the same time)

If I have forgotten anything Weatherby will send an email and look out for Small Talk and our Face Book page

SUE