

# Tottington Nursery School – Newsletter October 2009

## Welcome

We'd like to welcome all new parents to the nursery. We hope your children enjoy their time with us and that you feel happy with the care they receive. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

## Transfer of units

Many children transfer units at this time of year. They have several tasters in their new unit and the vast majority of children settle in almost immediately. A member of staff from your child's current unit will go with them on these taster sessions to help reassure them in the new unit. If you have any concerns please speak to the relevant Head of Unit.

## Harvest Festival

All three units are currently discussing the Christian Harvest festival. A hamper will be presented by a number of children to a local sheltered accommodation for the elderly. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone would like to bring in an item for the hamper.

## Refurbishments

The Kindergarten unit has had a new roof fitted over the last couple of weekends. It will keep the building better insulated and has also improved the outdoor appearance.

## Outdoor play

We hope you like the new outdoor play areas. Both buildings have had new equipment installed over the last month. The side of the main building has been transformed from an unused entrance area into an exciting outdoor classroom for the children. The space will allow the children to plant a sensory garden, sit and socialise on the benches or use one of the activity panels. The weather shade at the rear of the main building will provide protection from the sun and rain so the children can spend time outside all year round. The Kindergarten unit has five new activity panels, a pergola at the entrance and new safety flooring throughout the vegetable patch at the rear of the building.

## Vacancies

There are only limited vacancies in the nursery on a Monday and Friday. If you would like to increase your child's attendance or change their days, please see Avril or Alex.

## Song of the month: Tic tac too

Tic tac too, tic tac too, Tickety tac, tickety tac, Tic tac too

Is (child's name) at home? Yes sir s/he is!

And can s/he mend my shoe? That s/he can do!

With here a nail, there a nail, Tic tac too!!

## Children's photographer

We hope you are pleased with your child's photograph. There are a number of options available to order and they do make great little Christmas presents. Please return your order form and cheque, made payable to H. Tempest Ltd, to Avril or Alex asap. The photographer will be back in nursery for the 'Leaver's Photograph' on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and the individual photographs will be taken again next year on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Remember these dates when booking next year's holidays!

## Nativity play

Rehearsals for the pre-school nativity play have started in earnest so don't be surprised if your child starts singing Christmas carols at home! The play will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and will be held in the school hall of Tottington High School, Laurel Street. It will start at 2.00pm and last for about half an hour. Everyone must be away before 2.50pm as the school buses arrive to collect the high school children and Laurel Street becomes very congested. Equally please do not arrive too early before the performance, as there will be nowhere inside for you to wait. We will have the usual collection for charity.

## Christmas parties

The children's Christmas parties will take place during week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will be available nearer the time. Father Christmas will be dropping in!

**Christmas closure**

The nursery will be open on Christmas Eve but will close early at 3.00pm. This will give all of our staff a guaranteed early finish and will enable them to make definite arrangements for the afternoon. If this will cause you a problem please see Avril or Alex so that late cover can be arranged. The nursery will re-open at the usual time on the morning of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**Reminder**

Winter is on the way so please make sure your child has a warm outdoor coat along with a hat, gloves and a scarf. The children will play outside everyday unless it is raining very heavily.