

## STORY BOXES

Sharon has come up with a really good idea regarding story boxes. We will make up a story box on a regular basis relating to certain topics and interests. The children can take these home and share a book, look at the resources with their parent and then bring it back to pre-school to pass on to another child. It is a good way of reading together and the props can be used to keep them interested.

If you would like to add to the box when you have it that would be great and maybe give us some feedback on whether it was enjoyable or not.

## PARENT HELPERS

Parents are always very welcome to come in and help in pre-school, although we do understand that this time is very precious to you, if you do want to come in on a one off then we do not need you to be CRB checked, if you want to come in on a regular basis then Caroline Laing chair of the committee will sort a CRB form out for you.

## STAY AND PLAY

Continues to run on a Friday afternoon and is led by Sharon.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contributions would be much appreciated and are used towards craft, paper etc as we use these constantly. Thank you.

## WRAPAROUND MEETING

We had our very first wraparound meeting last week which went well. These meetings give pre-school, after-school, stay and play, and youth group team members and the committee a chance to discuss all relevant issues concerns and ideas, these include matters like policies, procedures, funding etc. These meetings will be held on a regular basis every half term.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Thursday 20th January

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC.

*(If your child is not in that day they are still very welcome to come in for the session.)*

SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY,

*Cambo village hall, 6.00pm*

### Wednesday 2nd February

KATE ON FIRST AID COURSE.

### Thursday 3rd February

CHINESE NEW YEAR BEGINS.

### Wednesday 9th February

- PATSY ON SEF COURSE
- SHARON WILL COVER
- KATE ON FIRST AID COURSE 2ND PART

### FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

### Monday 28th February

BACK TO SCHOOL.

*Don't forget if you have any ideas, thoughts questions about pre-school, do not hesitate to come and see Patsy, Sharon, Jayne or Kate.*

**A REMINDER:** *Can we pleaseeeeee have the little yellow books back by the end of this week for those who have not done so already. Thank you.*

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## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2011

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Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year if we haven't wished it already. We hope you are all settling back into the routine now, roll on the Spring that's all I can say!! We have a busy half term ahead full of lovely things for the children to do and for parents to get involved with as well.

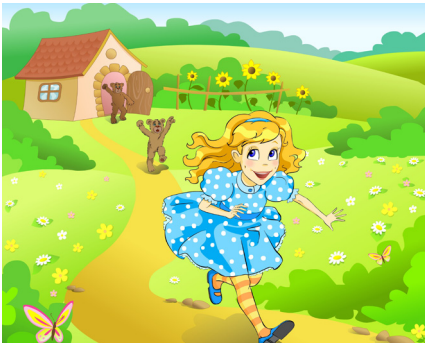
## PLANNING

We have split the activities into weeks, there are 7 weeks in this term and we used the first week for settling the children back in to the routine. As well as these topics we will also be following the children's own individual interests

and learning on a weekly basis.

If you want to see the planning in more detail you can look on the School website from the end of January or we keep weekly planning sheets on the cupboard door in the little room.





## WEEK 2 AND 3

Last week and this week we are looking at Goldilocks and the 3 bears, focusing on developing the children's number skills, comparing sizes and imaginative play.

We will be having a teddy bears picnic on Thursday 20th Jan., so your child can bring a bear from home and we will make teddy biscuits, sandwiches etc., to eat at the picnic.



## WEEK 3 AND 4

The children have shown interest in the 3 little pigs story so we will focus on lots of things related to building, making and constructing. We thought it might be fun to have a builders yard outside, with wet sand trowels tools etc., if anyone has anything to give us or any ideas to develop this please let us know.



## WEEK 5

To continue with traditional stories we will look at the 3 billygoats gruff where we will be focusing on lots of over, under, inside, on top etc., to develop the children's speech and language skills. Jayne is going to bring her balance beam in which she uses in her gymnastic class on a Saturday. We will use this as a bridge and do lots of balancing and climbing.



## WEEK 6

Chinese New Year begins so we will be doing lots of things to help the children recognize different cultures and traditions.

## WEEK 7

Valentines Day; we will be looking at heart shapes and focusing on the colour pink and red for this week. In this last week we will be inviting parents to come in to pre-school look at your child's progress file and talk to their key worker about all the lovely things your child has done. This will only take about ten minutes at the most and we will ask parents to choose a time and day to come in. If this is not possible for some then let us know and we will try to arrange another time. Parents can then take their files home for over the holidays. *A notice for you to tick time and day will go on the wall.*

## NOTICE BOARD

The pre-school notice board in school is not really being used as parents do not come through that way now, so we will be looking to change that and have it somewhere in the hall, this will also include a staff information board with photos of the wraparound team including the committee, who play an important part in keeping everything ticking over.



## LUNCHES

Pre-reception children can continue to stay for their lunch on a Monday, Thursday and Friday if they are going to stay and play. Lunch money can be handed in to a member of staff.

