Date: January/February 2013

We hope the weather is not playing too much havoc with everyone and we pray that we don't get any more snow this month… [mind Tuesday isn't too promising!] We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new manager for the Wraparound Pre School, After School and Stay n Play sessions. Ailsa Dickinson will be joining us on Monday 25th February 2013. She brings with her a wealth of child care experience. She has been a member of the team at Whalton First School since 2006 and has been working with children in schools and as a child minder for over 15 years. She is no stranger to Cambo – Ailsa attended the school herself, worked here as a Teaching Assistant and completed her Pre School qualification/teaching practice here too! We are very lucky to have found a familiar and highly skilled practitioner to lead our service and I hope you will join us in welcoming her in her first few weeks. Once Ailsa has settled into the service there may be some changes to the Key Workers assigned to children in Pre School. Parents will be individually contacted in this regard before Easter. If you have any questions about the handover to Ailsa or anything else about the service please do get in touch with Mrs. Caroline Dower, the Wraparound chair on 01670 774404 or carolinedower@hotmail.com

Come and meet Ailsa at our parents meeting on **Tuesday 26th February, at 3pm** - after Stay and Play and running into the Afterschool session. We are looking for new ideas and new energy for our Wraparound fundraising from parents from Preschool, Stay and Play and Afterschool. Claire Bessant from the Committee will be on hand to coordinate. It will be a chance for an informal chat with Ailsa - refreshments on hand. Please do come along. For the last two years Wraparound has relied upon £2,000 of parent-raised funds. We need to get our thinking hats on…

Here is a brief overview of some of the things we have planned in Pre-school for the next half term

Week 1 and 2

Settling back and Space introduction.
We will be doing lots of activities relating to space and setting up the role play area as a space ship.
Week 3
Meg on the moon
We will be doing lots of activities to do with the story, we will be focusing on size and number recognition, making 3d rockets and planets.

Week 4
Pootle 5
We will be looking at story repetition and encouraging the children to make up their own rhymes and songs to support Literacy development.
We will be making moon rock buns, lots of space gloop and gooey fun.

Week 5
Whatever Next
We will be singing lots of space songs and listening to space music. The children will be encouraged to use props for their role play and act out the story of Whatever next.
Week 6
A Space Party - FRIDAY 15th February
As a celebration for our term topic the children will be baking lots of space goodies and dressing up as aliens. If your child does not normally attend on Fridays but would like to come along please do inform that staff. We have plenty of places that day and it would be lovely to have a full group to bring the topic to a close.

In addition to the topic we also look at your child's interests and likes and use these in our weekly planning. You can see this in more detail in the little room.

'WOW' DOOR
We would like to continue to celebrate your child's achievements at home and in pre-school by displaying any certificates, photos, drawings even little post it notes, anything your child has done that you are proud of. We will display these on the Wraparound door, please feel free to stick things on at any time.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE
We have a complaints policy for parents to follow in our Wraparound policies which are displayed on the notice board. We also display OFSTED contact details for parents who have any queries or issues regarding early years.

NAPPY SACKS

A poster has been displayed on our parents notice board alerting parents to the dangers of nappy sacks, please take a moment to read, and if you require any more information please let a member of staff know.

SICK CHILDREN

IF YOUR CHILD HAS HAD SICKNESS OR DIARHORREA PLEASE ALLOW 48 HOURS BEFORE THEY ARE BROUGHT BACK TO PRE-SCHOOL.

If they have any infectious illnesses such as chicken pox could you please let us know so we can alert other parents.

If your child takes poorly during Pre-school staff will judge whether they need to be taken home and will inform parents in the first instance.

Please be aware that we cannot administer Calpol etc, only medication prescribed by a doctor and with a full medical form filled out by the parent/carer beforehand.

PARENT HELP

We always welcome any parent/carer wanting to help in pre-school, it could be to read a story, sing some songs, anything you like!!!!! See a member of staff if you are interested and can spare the time.

If you would like to be a regular helper in pre-school, you will need to be CRB checked. This is part of our Safeguarding policy for adults who come into contact with children on a regular basis and is a Statutory requirement.

The forms can be obtained from the school office.

If you need more details please see a member of staff.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If your details have changed recently i.e. mobile phone number, or address can you please let a member of our staff know for our files.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

We spend lots of time outdoors so can you please ensure your child has appropriate clothing e.g. wellies, coat/waterproofs, gloves hats scarves etc.

SNACK TIME

Our snack system last term was a great success so we would like to continue again this term.

There is a list on the notice board with suggestions of food for parents to provide.

At the moment we are running low on fruit, cheese, bread, crumpets etc so your contributions are greatly appreciated.

PRESCHOOL FUNDS

As ever your contributions are invaluable to our funds to help with resources, paints, paper etc.

If you have paper, card wrapping paper you will not use please feel free to bring in.

TOWELS

Pre School are desperate for any tea towels, hand towels or bath towels that you may have going spare.

EMAIL

Sending newsletters via email helps us reduce printer ink cost as well as saving paper etc. We will still have a copy of newsletters etc on the Wraparound notice board but if you prefer a hard copy or have problems accessing the files please let me know.

Stay n play continues to run every Tuesday and is led by Sharon Birdsall and Isobel Anderson.

School lunches-Pre-school children can stay for lunch every day.
Price is £2.00 per day and this MUST be paid either in advance or on the day your child is staying.
Please put in an envelope or money bag with the amount and name on and hand it to any member of pre-school staff but NOT Carol.
Children staying for lunch must be picked up by 12.45 prompt.

PRE-SCHOOL SESSIONS Begin at 8.45 and finish at 11.45.
Can you please ensure you drop off and pick your child up promptly at these times, if by any reason you are late in picking your child up, please let us know by calling the pre-school mobile or school.
If parents are continuously late in picking their child up we will have to consider charging for this to cover staff wages.
SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURE FOR PRE-SCHOOL/AFTERSCHOOL
In the event of the school closing due to severe weather or any other unexpected reason the following procedures will be followed.

The Wraparound leader will confirm with the head teacher that school is closed. This will be done at 7.30 on the first day of school closing. via email or telephone.

The Wraparound leader will have a copy of parents contact details at home in case of such events occurring.

Parents will be contacted individually with information regarding the closure. If your details change please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records.
Parents should be aware of weather news throughout the day and check regularly for texts and e-mails.

Parents will then be advised to check the school website the wraparound email daily and also www.northumberland.gov.uk which will give up to date information on when the school will re-open.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
FRIDAY 15th February –break up for half term.
Preschool session fee is £5.50
Stay'n Play for those staying for lunch is £5
Afterschool first child rate £2.50/hour 2nd child £1.25 per hour
breakfast club-£1.50.

Thank you for your continued support
SHARON, JAYNE ,CAROLINE, LINDA AND JOHANNE

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