

# TAVISTOCK PRESCHOOL GROUP

BROADACRES  
FLEET  
HAMPSHIRE  
GU51 4EB  
TEL: 01252 616902

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1050163  
MANAGER: PAULA PHILLIPS. BA.

## NEWSLETTER

December 08



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE!

Following on from our very successful AGM, a new Committee was formed at our meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

A massive thank you goes to Sam Moulton who stood down as Chair-person. Sam, whose dedication and commitment has made a fantastic difference to the pre-school will still be an active Committee member so we will not lose the skills and attributes Sam brought to Tavistock.

A warm welcome to Catherine Schlieben and Rachel Page who were voted in to take the positions of Joint-Chairs. They bring with them a wealth of experience in this type of role so thank you in anticipation of their support and dedication!

Catherine was previously Secretary of the Committee therefore this position was vacant and again a big thank you goes to Chris Haw who volunteered to take up this role.

The role of Treasurer is kept by Esther Berry so a very big continued thank you to her for this vital role.

The Committee members consist of Rachel Scarborough, Lindsay Webb, Kevin Whibley, Claire Evans, Ilona Bryan, Mark Bryan, Louise Davis, Nicky Mair, Becky Steevens and Marie Loh.

All Committee positions are entirely voluntary and as the Committee plays a fundamental part in the success of the Pre-School I am sure you will join with me in extended a big thank you to each and every member for their time, commitment and support in ensuring high quality provision for your children at Tavistock Preschool.

### FLEXIBILITY OF HOURS

As explained in the last newsletter, there was a possibility of pre-school hours possibly becoming more flexible if we could 'jump through all the right hoops,' during recent discussions we have found these 'hoops' impossible at present so, until September, when we hope to offer more flexibility, we will be keeping our provision the same: 8.45-11.45/12.15-3.15. If you have any questions regarding this please do come and talk to me or Committee Chairs anytime.

### FLEET FESTIVITIES

Thank you very much to everyone who either donated, helped or visited our stall at the Fleet Festivities. We raised £170 which was fantastic. Well done to all involved.

### CHRISTMAS AT TAVISTOCK!

During the last week of term all children will be enjoying Christmas at the snack bar! During the morning and afternoon sessions we will be providing your children with festive nibbles to either make themselves

or enjoy the efforts of a member of staff! There is no need to bring fruit on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> if you usually do but do, still, please provide lunches if you normally do so and the festive snacks will be in addition to these!

### COLLECTION TIME

I have been asked to please request that your children's trays are emptied as quickly as is possible when collecting your child. It is fantastic to share your children's work with them and we encourage you to still do this but please take the work/tray to another part of the room as there is sometimes a bit of a blockage around the tray area. Thank you.

### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Thank you very much to those parents who are using the 'parent tree' to write up current interests of your children. The input you give here means we can talk and share the experiences which children are having outside pre-school when they spend time with us. This ensures their understanding of the wider community links they are involved in. Please do write on a leaf (on the wall in the quiet corner) with anything your child is involved in which we would not otherwise know about, eg: Going on a train at the weekend, Grandma is staying, Visit to the dentist tomorrow, Went to Tesco's this morning, Bought new shoes on Saturday etc.

Another thank you to the parents who have been adding to their child's profile, this is a record of your child's progress and you can look through and add to your child's whenever you like. Parents writing in these records is vital in contributing to ensuring your child is having the best early years provision possible with all their needs met. Sticky labels are next to the profiles on the wall in the play room please help yourself and write a sentence on those times when your child got dressed himself, told me trains go on tracks, asked for a tissue, tasted a new food and said they liked it etc. These records are entirely free for you to look at whenever you would like to and your child's key person will always be available to talk you through it in session time. Please do talk with your child's key-person at anytime, much research has been carried out on the importance of positive relationships surrounding each child - we would like to ensure your child is surrounded by communication about them and knowing they are cared for at pre-school who is very familiar with their life outside preschool.

Please make use of the suggestion box (bag!) which is situated in the corridor to the playroom. This way they can be anonymous should your wish them to be. Also I have an open door policy and welcome any ideas/concerns. Please

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May I take this advantage to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas! We return to pre-school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.