

## Autumn Term 2011 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to New Life Pre-school and to the start of a new autumn term. We extend a special welcome to all the parents and carers of our new children. If you would prefer an electronic copy of our termly newsletter, please let Margaret Sanders have your email address.

It is really good to see so many children happy and excited to learn especially in the Playroom, where the 2 year olds always take a little longer to find their feet. We have been enjoying 'getting to know you' activities, we have themes based around colour, pets, autumn and counting planned for the next few weeks.

The older children in the Nursery have also settled very quickly into their new routine and even the children who haven't been before are bounding in as the doors open of a morning, full of excitement and are very happy to leave carers for a little while. We will as the term progresses, be initiating 'small group' work for the older children, focussing on Phonics, Maths and Listening Skills to challenge those ready for the next step. We will also be loosely following themes of story characters, numbers/counting and autumn with an emphasis on following the individual interests of the children.

Last Year we secured a number of grants to enable us to fully equip our Quad area with activities suitable for the children to enjoy in all weathers. Please ensure you send your child with suitable clothing such as a **hooded coat and wellies**, to enable them to fully enjoy our outdoor learning opportunities.

Already the days are becoming shorter and we will soon be preparing for our Nursery Harvest Festival, which this year is being held on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am** here at New Life Nursery. (More details later). The first half of the autumn term ends on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** and resumes on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

Tempest photographers will be visiting us on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** to take professional photographs of the children - they make excellent Christmas presents and Debbie is happy to include younger and older siblings too.

The term will end on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, with the **Nursery Nativity** being held on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**. All children will be taking part. Our Nursery and Playroom Christmas parties are being held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, where we believe, Santa is going to pay us a flying visit – more details later.

Best Regards

**Margaret Sanders & Staff**

