

# “The Ducklings News”

**NOVEMBER 2004**

## TOY CLEANING

Many thanks to Dawn and Karen for their help and elbow grease. We were cleaning toys till just before 4 pm. Could we please have more volunteers next time so that we do not have to stay so long. Thank you again.

## NEW VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS

Great news, we now have our committee for January. Karen Wade and Dawn Handley have agreed to be our fourth and fifth members. We are waiting on some information from PATA, to help us with setting it up. Many thanks to those mums who have volunteered their help during the sessions and so had their entrance fee halved. We no longer have need for this and so as from today, it will stop. However, any help that you can offer with clearing up etc, that will be great – thank you.

## ACTIVITY TABLES

Just a little note regarding the activity tables. To try and maintain snack time for 10:45, could all mums/carers please vacate the tables by 10:30 – thank you.

Some weeks between now and Christmas, we will use both tables for art activities, as we have a lot to fit in. Christmas cards will be done over 2 or 3 weeks. Hope that you have lots of fun, or should we say the children.

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Congratulations to Ann Widdows on winning the Trampoline draw.

Chocoholics catalogues will be going round today. Great opportunity to buy those delicious items for Christmas, including advent calendars. All orders will need to be in **today**, along with the payment, as we only have the catalogues for a very short time. If there is anything that you would like, please complete the relevant order form. The toddler group will receive commission on all orders taken – thank you.

Phoenix Cards – will be here 29/11/04. They sell lovely everyday cards and gift-wrap as well as a great selection for Christmas. The toddler group will also receive commission for these sales.

Toy Sale – There will be a second hand toy sale on 6/12/04. Once again, the toddler group will receive commission from the sales.

Yes, there are a lot of fund raising items going on over the next few weeks. Just think of the foot ache that you will save yourself by coming to toddlers and having a cuppa, instead of having to go round town to find these things. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Entrance Fee

Over the last year, we have had hall hire increases, but we have not increased the entrance fee. Unfortunately, as from January, we will have to amend the entrance fee, only slightly, but it will be as follows:

Up to 6 months (young baby)	£1.50
Over 6 months	£2.00
Toddler + young baby	£2.00
Toddler + over 6 months	£2.00 + 50p for each child

## Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be on 20/12/04. It will start at 10 pm (to get the hall set up) and it will finish at 12:30pm. The entrance fee will be as normal. It will be done on the same basis as previous parties, ie, mums/carers to bring in a plate of food (a list will be available in December) and a present for each child worth up to £5. Please wrap and label the present. We will be having party games and there will be a bouncy castle. We will need to know numbers and so it will be a ticket only day. The tickets are available to buy, as from today.

**Lisa, Margaret & Nicole**