

## Occold Pre-school Report - Oracle Sep/Oct 2009 Issue

### Occold Pre-school - Exciting Times

What an exciting time to be part of Occold Pre-school. At the end of last term we held our usual Sports Day - a scorching hot day I am sure you all remember as it was also the Occold Yard Sale. We had all the usual races for the children with everyone being cheered on and congratulated for taking part and then finally we had the parent's race where just taking part wasn't enough - it's only the winning that counts!

At the end of the summer term we also said goodbye to several of our children as they graduated from Pre-school to Primary school. We wish them all well at their new schools.

Even though the term ended on the 17<sup>th</sup> July some of the children just couldn't keep away and came back the following Monday to attend the Holiday Club. (Several of the usual Pre-school staff obviously felt the same way and just had to come in to run it!) It was a huge success with several children aged between 3 and 11 attending on Mondays and Tuesdays. This year it was held in the Occold Primary school (and on the field) with lots of activities ranging from cooking, T-shirt painting, games and adventure walks etc. etc..

During the summer holidays staff and parents have continued exercising their muscles moving the contents of the old Pre-school to the new Pre-school ready for the opening on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. What a day it was! There was hand printing on ceramic tiles and other fun activities for the children and the usual tea and cakes for everyone else. Diane Moore, a former key member of staff for many years officially opened the new facility (with a blunt pair of scissors!) This was a chance to get special people together that have helped support and continue to support the Pre-school. It was also an opportunity to say thank you and a chance for everyone to have a good look at the great new facility and a sneak preview at the extra items that are still to come!

Although we now have our long awaited wonderful new building, we still appreciate that the most important part of our Pre-school continues to be the wonderful children and the dedicated staff. Our Pre-school is run by a committee of volunteers and we are always looking for new ideas and help. Anyone that can make a cup of tea, bake a cake, run a stall or delegate their great ideas to others would be warmly welcomed to any of our meetings and activities (you don't need to have children or grandchildren attending, just an enthusiasm for young people).

Please contact our Pre-school Leader Linda Jay on 07790605219 if you would like to find out more.