Marcham Pre-School Playgroup

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PRE SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE

SCHOOL NEWS

CELEBRATE AND SHARE!

We enjoyed a lively Harvest Festival together earlier this month, with contributions from all the children. Jill Rowe led our celebrations, and we were delighted to welcome Will Cumber. He was able to show photographs and to give the children real insights into the busy year and issues faced by their local farmer. Some of our audience were delighted to see their Dad driving the tractor in the pictures! It is these personal links that made our event so special, including a wonderful selection of soft fruits contributed by Millets Farm. Many thanks to all parents who helped the children amass a wonderful array of produce for the residents of Duffield Place. The children in Morland Class wrote prayers based on their favourite harvest produce:

Dear God, Thank you for strawberries. You gave us seeds and water and soil. Thank you for letting us have farms. Amen
Thomas Mawdesley, Year 2

Dear God, Thank you for yummy honey. Thank you for bees that buzz around in our garden on the flowers. We bring honey because it is so sweet and yummy. Amen.
Johanna Wolfe, Year 3

Denman Class have been looking at different types of harvest around the world. All of the children used the computer and home research to collect factual information.

Amber Cauchi and *Aleisha Fraser* found out that Indian fisherman use Chinese nets to catch fish. *Elliot Jefferies* found out that in Spain the sun is so hot that the oranges grow as big as a tennis ball. *Nikki Gibbins* came in and led a session with *Janice Peacock* on Fair Trade. The children learnt about the reason for fair trade products and the enormous difference it can make to poor producers. They really enjoyed 'taste testing' a range of Fair Trade products: '**The Fair Trade chocolate tasted very strong. It was lovely**.' *Bertie Turney*

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has been collecting the **Tesco sports vouchers** for us. The last vouchers are issued on 6th November, so please bring any remaining vouchers to the school, Post Office or The Crown.

Thank you to The Crown and the Post Office for their continued support by displaying our collection boxes, we really do benefit from these schemes.

LESLEY CLARK

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

What a busy start to the year! The children have been looking at Transport and Vehicles this term and we've had a trip to Mill & Manor Farms to see the tractors (and the cows!). Then we had visits from the Police and Firemen, the best parts being sounding the siren and squirting the fire hoses across the Cricket field!! In between all this activity we made lorry biscuits, hot air balloon mobiles, decorated police cars and lots more!! As you can see, the children had a fabulous time!!

We are all looking forward to the start of the Walking Train on 1st November plus more craft, more cooking, more learning and more fun!

OPEN MORNING

Marcham Pre-School would like to invite you to an open morning on **Tuesday 8th November** 2005 from 9.45 to 10.45. Please come and see us in action. Let your child join in with some of the activities while you view our facilities, speak with the staff or just watch and enjoy!!

If you would like to join us or for more information, please phone 01865 391731 or 07749 245313

TODDLER GROUP NEWS

Marcham Toddler Group (open to all parents, babies and toddlers) meets at All Saint's Church, Marcham, each Tuesday. We've been very busy lately, with the children keeping us all very busy playing peek a boo in the pews! Many thanks to Teresa for supplying the group with lots of exciting new toys to play with. Just a reminder to everyone that we have a new start time: the group now meets at 10am each week. We usually finish around 11.45. It only costs £1 - so see you there.

Marcham School PTA Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 26 November
2 - 4 pm entrance 50p
All your favourite stalls Good family fun
Santa's Grotto, Cake stall, Turkey Rolls, refreshments,
Tombola, Grand prize draw, face paints, bingo, Where's
Rudolph?, book stall, fruit punch and much much more