

# Kindergarten Info October 2009-10-22

Dear Parents,

The first week after our autumn break is coming to an end, and your children have settled into the Kindergarten routine again. Our program continues and during the coming weeks we will learn more about Animals in both, the Kindergarten and the Preschool group. Beginning of November we will switch over to the topic of St. Martin, a Saint from the Christian tradition who is celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November each year. From his life's story we can learn a lot about sharing and helping.

Days are becoming colder now, and we request you to send the children dressed accordingly. Until mid November we will have our outside playtime in the early morning hours and it can become a bit chilly already in the mornings. Children need to bring house shoes with them now, since we do not encourage them to remain barefoot in class because of the cold stone floors, and we do not allow the street shoes in the classrooms for hygienic reasons.

As already announced, swimming discontinues now and the Pre-school-children will have Sports lessons from the coming week onwards, at the same times and in the same groups as the swimming till now. On Thursdays we continue with the one hour Sports lesson for all Preschool children as well. It is essential, that children have proper trainers and comfortable sportswear, a water bottle plus a change of clothing on their respective sports-days with them. All children from the rainbow-group have sports on Tuesdays and they too need trainers, sportswear, water-bottle and a change of clothing.

We would like to remind you that in case your child does not take his/her normal route home he/she needs to bring a written notice from you about where they go and with whom they will leave school.

In case you want at times to distribute any invitations or information to children through the kindergarten, please hand these invitations over to one of our class teachers. We observed, that some children feel excluded when they do not receive invitations, and the teacher can see that this will be handled discretely to spare the children this hurtful experience.

The very popular Toy-day, on which children can bring one of their own toys from home to show and tell about, will be for the Preschool group now on every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Our children have expressed a strong desire to have the toy-day, but since the group is so large, we can not accommodate more dates for this activity.

In connection with the Animal Topic at present, we are planning an excursion to the Zoo on 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. Children will have their breakfast early in the Kindergarten since picnics are no longer allowed in the Zoo. We will leave at 9 am with the School buses and will only return by 12.15pm. The younger children, who usually leave us at 11.25pm, need to be

