



## **St. Thomas à Becket Nursery School Tilshead.**

9 March 2010

This year the nursery has seen many changes, both happy and sad. The saddest was the sudden passing of our Chairman Beth, who spent every spare moment on the nursery, from obtaining the grant for our new building, to making bags to sell, to cooking, baking, and supporting the nursery committee and staff, not to mention the children! Our new building is a spacious 20 x 30 feet, giving us the much needed extra space. It is fitted out with appropriately sized toilet facilities, a small kitchen area, double glazing and suitable floor coverings. It is more than we could have dreamed of!

With the help of our new committee, we have achieved our long awaited Charitable Status, which we hope will help us function efficiently, and become an enviable start to our children's educations! Many thanks to the Tilshead PCC for helping us get started on that path! Your support is greatly appreciated!

We continue to maintain a good reputation with our Education Department, a very good Ofsted record and we have the full support of our Primary School. Our fundraising will continue throughout the year in order to maintain our new premises and provide more equipment for the children.

We are focusing on building our links with the primary school, and this has proved fruitful. Some of our new pupils have come from outlying villages, and their siblings joined the primary school. We intend to continue building our reputation as a quality nursery school.

We held a successful Jumble Sale in February and we are, as always, grateful to Frank and Betty Druce, Anne White and their regular team of helpers for their efforts. We also held a few Cake Fridays, becoming a much anticipated regular event! Later this month on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting a Chilli Supper and quiz in the village hall. The supper will be provided by a chef, the father of two of the Primary School children. This promises to be a fun evening!

This term, the children have been studying nature, caterpillars, butterflies, bugs. They are now preparing for Easter and looking forward to visiting lambs and chicks. Some beautiful Mother's Day cards will soon be in production. They celebrated Chinese New Year, and Pancake Day. Each of these events is marked with mementos, many of which adorn the walls of homes in Tilshead and our surrounding villages.

It bears repeating that all this would not be possible without the dedication of our Play Leader Mrs. Anne White and Deputy Kate Rogers. They are simply, the best!

Thanks to all our supporters in the village who contribute to every event we host.

**Lisa Murray**  
**Treasurer.**