

Newsletter July 2019

Sports day - Friday 12th July

What a brilliant day we had, perfect weather, lovely party food but most importantly the children made us very proud with their energy and enthusiasm to participate in the event. Thank you to everyone who came along and for the donations of party food. Thank you also to the committee for setting up the party food and organising the raffle.

Learning Journals

The learning journals for the children who are starting school in September will be given out next week for families to keep. We hope you enjoy these folders as they tell an amazing story of all the activities and achievements of the children so far! We have copied some of the information for Mrs. Snowdon and Mrs. Powell from these folders that will help her build up a picture of their current level of development.

Holiday books

The children who are returning to preschool in September will be given a small booklet to fill over the holidays with pictures, drawings, tickets or objects you find on your travels and adventures! Please bring them back in September so we can talk to the children about their experiences. We hope they are fun to complete as a family as well.

September sessions

If you have a requests for your child's sessions for September please let us know before the end of term so we can plan the staffing ratios. The Early Years Entitlement covers up to 15 hours a week free attendance at preschool, this has been extended to 30 hours for families that are eligible. This entitlement can be shared between settings and your child is eligible the term after their 3rd birthday so any child who is 3 now or will be 3 before 1st September will be eligible. Please access the following website <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/> to find our further information and to register, it is essential that applications for the additional 15 hours are submitted the term before you wish to claim for the entitlement. The universal 15 hours are still claimed through preschool, we will ask you to complete forms that allow payment for the hours used at preschool. Please speak to Kirstie if you have any other questions.

Committee

Thank you to the committee who have supported us consistently over the year, organising fund raising events, pamper evenings, teddy tombola, events at the May festival and ice

creams at Party by the Parrett and ensuring the preschool operates appropriately to deliver the best service possible for the children and families. We have a fabulous new sandpit this year thanks to the efforts of the committee and donations for which we are very grateful. The committee comprises of volunteer parents we meet together regularly throughout the year, discuss plans for preschool, fundraising events and live with young children! They are friendly meetings and we would welcome new committee members in the new academic year, please think about joining.

Moving on!

We hope that you have all had a good year at preschool, we are very proud of the achievements of all the children this year; it is a delight to see them grow and feel we have been a part of that process. This time of year is tinged with sadness as we see the children move on to school or new places, but it is an exciting new stage in their learning journey so we wish them all great success!

Outside play

Just a reminder about outside play for the children, they need suitable footwear and clothing for play and activities outside, this includes sunhat and raincoat, often they require both on the same day! Outside play offers opportunities for energetic physical activity on bikes, climbing equipment, in the sand, running around and exploring, the children develop physical skills of co-ordination and movement and doing all this alongside other children. With all this activity accidents do happen, we often notice an increase in accidents when the children spend more time outside riding the bikes etc. but this is outweighed by the benefits to the children, there are regular reminders to the children about caution when running and playing together to be aware of each other. Accidents are recorded in the accident book to inform parents and to monitor the safety of the pre-school.

Diary dates

Friday 19th July - last day of term

Tuesday 3rd September - return to pre-school