

Newsletter May 2019

May Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped us run the egg throwing activity we had a successful day, with plenty of interest in this messy activity and we raised over £100 for our preschool.

Outdoor activities

We do spend a lot of time outside with more space and larger resources the children can really enjoy being active. This can result in accidents particularly scraped knees as children wear shorts etc as the weather improves. We feel that the benefits of this physical activity outweigh the disadvantage of potential accident, but rest assured we do monitor the equipment and children's behaviours on the large toys and in all activities. Good solid shoes/sandals are best for such energetic play outside as they allow the children to run, climb or ride bikes with better stability.

Sandpit

The children are really enjoying the new sandpit! the play and activities the children are engaging in at the sandpit has promoted lots of conversation, listening to each other and responding to the ideas of others, lots of role play, problem solving making sand pies, filling pots and pans, making cakes and using toy diggers to transport sand, making tracks in the sand and lots of digging!

Given time and space a lot of learning occurs when play is rich and satisfying.

Sun protection

Please ensure your child has a sun hat for use at preschool (clearly named please) and has had sun lotion applied before coming to preschool, we will endeavour to help your child reapply sun lotion as needed during the day.

Photos

The professional photos have been delivered to preschool and will be given out from today; these proof sheets **MUST** be returned to preschool whether or not you make an order for pictures. All proof sheets have to be returned at the latest by Thursday 24th May and will be posted off to the company for printing etc. There is also a group photo that is available to purchase, please speak to Kirstie if you are interested.

We hope you like them, the children behaved beautifully for the photographer!

Committee

The preschool is managed by a committee made up of parents, without this committee the preschool can no longer operate. The committee are a group of everyday parents who have taken an extra interest in the running of the pre-school; they work closely with the staff team to ensure that the preschool operates smoothly and that it meets the needs of current families and children. We need new parents to join the committee each year, please consider

joining in the autumn term, it is very supportive to meet other parents and get a better understanding of how the preschool provision meets the needs of children and families.

Lunchtime

The appetites of young children vary dramatically, some will eat all the food in their lunch box, and others have little interest. This can make it hard for parents to provide healthy food for them often smaller portions of food can be easier for them to manage and we really encourage the children to make healthy choices at snack time and lunch time. Alternatives to sandwiches such as crackers, pasta, wraps or breadsticks with cheese or meat, vegetable crudities with a dip can be fun for the children. A named drink bottle is also required for their lunch especially for the group who have lunch in the school hall on the Thursday session. If you have any questions about the lunch time routine please speak to a staff member.

Summer fund raising events

The preschool will be running the teddy tombola at the school PTA June fair on Friday 14th June. Any offers of help to run the stall would be greatly appreciated. The school June fair is a fun family friendly event, usually running from 3.30 pm with lots of stalls and children's activities as well as food and refreshments, make it a date!

We will also be doing the ice creams again this year at the Party by the Parrett event in July.

Diary dates

Last day of term - Friday 24th May - Ladies Pamper Evening

Return to pre-school - Monday 3rd June

June Fair Kingsbury Episcopi Primary school - Friday 14th June

Parents' week - w/c 1st July. For those families whose children are not moving on to school in September.

Open afternoon - Monday 8th July, especially for new families to see what we do at preschool

Sports day and leavers party - Friday 12th July - this event will start at 11 am, families are very welcome to come along and watch. For the children who attend on a Friday the session will start as usual at 9 am. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Break up for summer holidays - Friday 19th July