



# Rackerhayes Pre-school

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## February/March 2017 NEWSLETTER

We hope you had an enjoyable Half Term. Please take the time to read this newsletter as it contains lots of useful information.

Some of you may be aware that Ofsted inspected us on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – the official report can be read online at [Ofsted.gov.uk](http://Ofsted.gov.uk), to find it easily type in our URN - EY469849

We have spent the funds raised at the Christmas Social – we bought a Fisher Price Code-a-pillar and some farm animals, buildings and vehicles for the small world area.

At our next fundraising event, the Easter Social we will be raising funds to purchase ‘add-ons’ for the Code-a-pillar and items for the zoo small world play area.

We are also trying to obtain a grant to replace some of the tables and carpets used at the setting as they are becoming tired, tatty and dated!!!

Key skills of the week are displayed in the entrance foyer – please look and try out the activity. Some are very easy, some more challenging. Please let your key person know how you and your child got on and if you extended this activity in any way, also please bring in or email me any photos of your children doing these activities for our new display. Thank you

## Forthcoming Events

March is ‘mum’s month’ personal invitations will be made and given out asap!! Any mums, nans, grannies etc wanting to come and play please do, don’t worry dads your turn will be in June!!

Any females wishing to come in and see what your little ones get up to please complete the cut off slip so you can be booked in the diary. Thank you.

### Topic/theme

Week one – Cutting and sticking

Week two – World book week. Shrove Tuesday and St David’s day. If your child would like to dress up as a book character or bring a favourite book in for us to read that would be great.

Week three – Cooking

Week four – Cooking, Easter activities and St Patricks day

Week five – Easter activities, Mother’s Day cards and Red Nose Day

Week six – Easter activities, Social on Thursday and Trip on Friday

**Parent Association / Committee** –The next committee meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7.00pm at the Ten Tors;

Look forward to seeing you there!!! Please come along to see what’s involved!!

## Library Visit

Due to having such a large group this year as a special treat we will be taking the children who attend on a Wednesday and are due to start school this September to the library – individual invitations to be distributed. I have also managed to order ‘World Book Day’ vouchers for every child, attached to the trip letter as every parent gets a paper copy!! World Book Day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year for more activities or donate to this cause why not visit their website – [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

## Easter Social – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10am start.

Personal invitations to follow – as in previous years we will be collecting for an Easter Treat and a breakfast hamper, please look out for the list of ideas. Hamper tickets will be attached to the Social letter, please be generous with your donations, this is an excellent fundraiser and superb prizes for some lucky people to win!!

Tempest Photography – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – More details on your next newsletter

## Fees – ALL outstanding fees must be paid for by the end of term.

If you are a paying customer, don't forget to use the payment box. Please put the money in an envelope and write your child's name, the sessions you wish to pay for and the amount inside on the front. Fees can be paid weekly, monthly, half termly or termly, whatever suits your pocket. If you have a problem with fees speak to Karen so she can set up a payment plan for you. If you would prefer to pay online the bank details are printed on your bill, if you have mislaid this please request the details again!! If you pay online, please use your child's name as the payment reference. Thank you

## Term dates for 2016

### Spring Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Half Term = Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### Summer Term

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Closed - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day, also proposed Election Day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

(We look forward to our 3 day week!!!If the election day is correct!!)

## REMINDERS

### Café / lunch Time

During café and lunch times, we will be promoting milk or water only. Pre-school will supply the drinks. The children pour milk or water into open cups. Feedback from courses has highlighted the importance of open cups for speech and language development. Which I hope you all agree is paramount importance to aid children's language and communication learning and development.

## Weather

Please bring appropriate clothing for your children. Coats and warm clothing for when we go out to play!! We do try to get out on a daily basis, whatever the weather!! Please label all your children's possessions – hats, backpacks, juice containers, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, coats etc, etc. Staff waste a great deal of time sorting and hunting for labels, to ensure your child has their own coat instead of the one they fancy wearing, etc. etc!! If we get glorious sunshine please be prepared with sun hats and sun cream. (Please ask a member of staff for a sun cream permission slip).

## Lunch Club

We would like to advise you to put ice packs into your child's lunch box and that the lunch box is insulated. If you would like anything refrigerated please ask a member of staff, we want to keep your child's lunch as fresh as possible.

Please remember when packing your child's lunch – NO nuts or sweets – thank you.

Please put a spoon in your child's lunch box, if they need one. The pre-school did have spare spoons, but they seem to have disappeared!!

## Name Cards

Don't forget to remind, or help your child to find their name cards to 'self register'. These name cards are also a 'ticket' into the café! And those staying to lunch also need to display their name cards on the lunch club board.

New children will make appropriate name cards on their first session. Thank you.

## Illness and Contact Details

If you or your child are ill on the day of their session and they will not be attending, please call to let us know. Staff are at the setting from 8.30am or you could leave a text message or voicemail on the pre-school mobile, if this is more convenient. Thank you.

Please remember that your child should be free of sickness and diarrhoea for **48 hours** before returning to pre-school.

**That reminds me if any of your contact details have changed, if either friends or family or you have moved house or had a new phones, please let us know so we can update your records. Another CIF form has to be completed and sent to Devon County Council also.**

Thank you, for taking the time to read this newsletter!