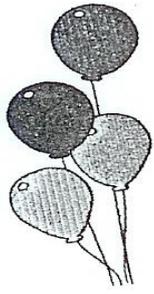


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April/May 2017 NEWSLETTER

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and didn't eat too many egg-shaped chocolates!!
We would like to welcome all the new faces, adults and children alike to our pre-school.

Easter Social

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported us.

Congratulations to our Easter Social winners, we hope you all had fun on the day: The Chocolate Hamper Winners: 1st prize – Jack, 2nd Jackie & 3rd – Toby. Jamie won the Breakfast Hamper, the jar of eggs and the Easter cake were won by Daisy and her mum, thank you Marie for making such a wonderful cake.

The colouring and crafts were fantastic, we think that the parents and children really enjoyed making things. A big thank you to Grace's nan who judged the colouring and craft competitions and chose the winners for each age group – well done Kai, Toby, Daniel, Isabelle and Alice ☺

Together you raised £298.68 which will enable us to purchase more animals for the small world area and resources for our 'tinker table', so thank you to all the wonderful parents who kindly donated goodies for the hampers.

KTC

We have also been successful in obtaining a grant from Kingsteignton Town Council, this money will go towards replacing two child size tables and a carpet for the small world area.

Easy Fundraiser

Easy Fundraiser – Thank you to the 23 members, we have raised over £322.00, please subscribe to this free no-obligation fundraiser – google the 'easy fundraiser' site and take a look!!! Don't forget to nominate Rackerhayes pre-school as your worthy cause!!

Topic

Our topic for this term will be animals from all over the world. During our first week of term we like to settle back into the routine, so the children will be getting creative whilst 'junk modelling'

Start of session

As a pre-school, we often reflect and evaluate our practice. As a group, we have decided to continue to have the children start at a designated area with their key person prior to them engaging in free flow play. This is to help with the bonding process and continue developing their learning with an adult who knows them best. If your child's key person is not in on a particular day please let them choose an area/adult they are most happy with.

September Sessions

If your child is returning in September, your key person will speak to you regarding your desired hours. Due to the introduction of the '30 hours free childcare' we have the possibility to open the pre-school at 9am depending on demand. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and complete a quick questionnaire to find out if your child is eligible, prior to completing your booking form. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events

Parent Association / Committee –

The next meeting will be held on – Wednesday 3rd May, 7pm at the Ten Tors
New parents always welcome

Pyjama Drama – Thursday 20th April and 18th May

St Georges Day – Sunday 23rd April

On Friday 21st April, to celebrate our patron saint we are asking everyone to dress in red and white.

Monday 1st May – **NO Pre-school!!** Thursday 4th May – Election Day – **NO Pre-school**

Tempest Photos – Tuesday 23rd May – 8.30 to 11am – last opportunity for some children to have their pre-school photos done ☺

Summer Trip – Wednesday 7th June – information to follow.

Quiz Night – Thursday 22nd June

You are invited to take part in our quiz night, bring your own team of 4 to 6 people or come along and join individual parents to make a team on the night, an ideal time to make new friends, have fun and raise money for the pre-school. Tea & coffee will be served on the night, but if you would like to bring in your own beverages please do, but please take your empties away with you!! Great fun was had at our last quiz night come along and find out for yourselves ☺ Only £2.50 per person.

Thursday 29th June – sponsored walk around Decoy Lake – information to follow

Summer Social – Thursday 20th July – more information to follow

Leavers Do – Friday 21st July 12.30 – invites to follow – pre-school finishes at 12.30/last day of term

Term dates for 2017/2018

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April to Friday 21st July

Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June – No pre-school

Pre-school CLOSED – Monday 1st May – May Day.

Also, Thursday 4th May as the hall is used as a Polling Station

Last day of term Friday 21st July pre-school closes at 12.30. Afternoon leavers goodbye ceremony.

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September to Friday 15th December

Half Term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October – No pre-school

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 4th January to Wednesday 28th March

Half Term Monday 12th to Friday 16th February – No pre-school

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Monday 23rd July, Tuesday 24th - leavers morning and goodbye ceremony.

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – No pre-school

Pre-school CLOSED Monday 7th May – May Day

REMINDERS

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.

NOTE

This term we will start to prepare the older children for school – they will sit on a large table with one adult and will be encouraged to open and eat their lunch more independently. Please be aware of this and send them with food which they can open easily and a spoon if required – at school there maybe no one to help!!

Fees

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 to organise a suitable payment plan. And don't forget you can pay online, please use your child's name as the reference, thank you.

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!! The warmer weather is coming (fingers crossed!!) If you would like us to apply sun-cream to your child, please label the tube and sign a permission slip, staff cannot apply sun-cream without your signature

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 or eating another child's lunch, etc. etc.!!

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. Karen can only access her emails at home!!

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

That reminds me if any of your contact details have changed, if either friends or family or yourselves have moved house or had a new phones, please let us know so we can update your records.

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