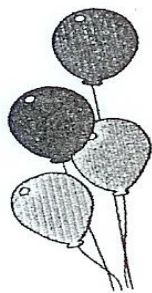


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JUNE/JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

September Sessions

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

If you have not returned your form please speak to Karen to discuss your requirements, the term may be quiet in September but, as in previous years' spaces fill up very quickly, it is easier to reserve them and drop them later in the academic year than it is to get the sessions you require in the summer term.

SCHOOL!!

We have children attending all 3 schools in Kingsteignton and 2 children attending schools in Newton Abbot, so as you can imagine this is a busy time of year, we do our utmost to prepare your children for this transition. In preparation for BIG school, could we ask you to teach your child to get dressed and undressed to help them manage when they must change for PE and put coats on independently to go out to play. Also, something staff would rather not do, could you please teach your child to wipe their own bums!! Another useful thing would be to teach them to blow their own noses and dispose of the tissues in the bin!!

Packed lunch – please make sure that your children have suitable packages that they can open themselves, and if they have a yoghurt make sure they have a spoon to eat it with. The children have already been sitting at a large table with one adult in preparation for the school canteen, so we have been teaching them how to open packets and containers already. These are just a few things that you can do to help your child's journey into school easier.

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!! As you spend on line, big companies make small donations to the pre-school, with no additional expense to yourselves.

Forthcoming Events

June is dad's month

Dads, you should have received an invite to come to play, if not it will be with you this week!! The children love having visitors in to pre-school, they see the staff daily and new faces are always much more fun!! So, if you haven't already done so, please book a session to play – Thank you.

Pyjama Drama – Thursday 22nd, 6th July and Victoria will be in on our summer social, so you will all get an opportunity to see her in action!!

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, see how clever the staff are!!! And 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. Raffle prizes to be won too!!!

Thursday 29th June – sponsored walk – Don't forget to pick up your letter from the back table.

Summer Social – Thursday 20th July – Again your invite will be on the back table!!

Leavers Do – Friday 21st July 12.30 – By invitation only – pre-school finishes at 12.30/last day of term, please let Karen know if you are unable to make this event, as we will be presenting your child with a special gift and card – bring your tissues as this is a very emotional afternoon!!!

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 – Thursday 8th June as the hall is used as a Polling Station

Last day of term Friday 21st July pre-school closes at 12.30. Afternoon for school leavers only as this is their 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 to a new house or had a new phones, please let us know so we can update our records and those on Devon County Councils portal.

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