



PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER

Well what a fantastic half term break, great weather, I hope you all managed to get out and about and enjoy yourselves!!

Term dates... We will break up on the 5th April at 12.00 noon and there will be NO after school club that day. We will be returning after Easter on Tuesday 23rd April. Don't forget there is also a bank holiday, quickly after on May 6th, when we will be closed!

After School Club... quick reminder to let us know if your child will not be with us or is attending a club or one off event. This term we will continue to talk to the children about things they would like to do, and we will strive to offer varied and interesting activities as usual!

Birthday cakes... following concerns over allergens and children with specific dietary requirements, and being able to remain fully inclusive, we have decided to ask you to **not** bring in cakes for preschoolers' birthdays. I know you may feel disappointed however we will always sing to the children on their birthdays, and many of you have a birthday party to celebrate with your children and their friends/ families. When children start school, you will find they are not allowed to bring in cake and so this will actually help prepare children for this. This was discussed at our committee meeting and everyone voted this to be the right decision.

World Book day... This year, this falls on Thursday March 7th 2019. We are aiming to celebrate this across the week and will be sending home a "Reading Lotto" for you to do at home with your children. We are also aiming to have lots of stories (as usual across the week) and some activities linked to them. If your child would like to dress up on Thursday, (or any day!) please feel free to facilitate this.

Chicks... Eggs are arriving on Monday 25th and we will be hatching the chicks over the coming days. We will have the chicks for 2 weeks so watch this space! This is always very popular with the children and adults alike.

Bird land and dinosaurs... Over the holidays I visited Bourton on the water and Bird land with my family. I just wanted to share with you what a lovely day out it was. I was particularly interested in the wild area at Bird Land that sheltered lots of full-sized Dinosaurs. There was also an area to experience an archeological dig, and uncover Dinosaur bones in the sand with brushes. It was a perfect day out, there were picnic areas and a café. Bourton-on-the-Water itself was lovely too with the shallow streams and bridges. I just thought I'd share this with you all, especially if your children love Dinosaurs!

Work Experience students and Student Placements... Over the next few weeks we will be having both secondary school work experience students and two students from Brookes, coming to make some observations, in case you see some new faces around.

Nearly New Sale... Once again, some of our wonderful committee are organizing the Nearly New Sale, this time to be held at the Kings Centre, during Family Fun on Saturday 9th March 9.30-11.30. If you are interested in helping, or selling let me know and I'll pass your details on to Eloise.

Vegetable patch... We have a small area to grow vegetables so If anyone has any spare plants or seeds please remember us!

Junk modelling... As many of you know we get through a great deal of junk modelling across all the clubs, so we would be grateful if you could collect and bring in interesting boxes and packaging, to enable all the children to participate! It would also be great to collect bottle tops of all shapes and sizes and bring them in too.

Forest School... We would love some of you to volunteer to help at these sessions. The list will be up in the Canopy from this week. There will be a couple of weeks where we will be doing something different which you will be receiving a separate information sheet, for if your child is to be involved this time.

Outdoor Explorers... This will be continuing this term on Fridays. We always have a great time and the children get so much out of these excursions, as do we all. If you have any suggestions for

us around places your child may enjoy visiting, or if you would like to come with us, please speak to your key person.

Preschooler's belongings...As usual... please check your child has enough changes of appropriate changes of clothes and shoes. **Make sure it is named!!!!!!**

Nut-free...Please note we are a nut-free setting, as is the school. If you are providing packed lunches please make sure you cut up grapes and cherry tomatoes. We also ask you don't send juice drinks/ smoothies in for lunch. Children really should be drinking water or milk as recommended to keep them selves and their teeth healthy.

Nappies...Please provide nappies/ wipes and cream if you child is at this stage and discuss toilet training with your key person, when required. It is important we are consistent to help children with this important aspect of their development,

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further please feel free to contact me.

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