



PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK! I JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS YEAR HAS GONE!

Term dates- We will finish this term on Friday 26th May. There **will be** after school club that day. We return to business as usual on Tuesday 6th June, following an inset day. We will finish for the summer on July 21st at 12.00 noon and there **will be no** after school club. All our term dates and times are now published on our website. If you have not had a look at it please take a look as it is much improved.

New Starters- I would like to welcome 2 new children and their families to preschool, Jasmine and Anja. Last term was very busy for myself, allocating all the spaces for the September children and I can now safely say it has been completed, and new parent packs will be going out next week.

Transitions-All of you that have a child starting school have now had confirmation of a place and the team will be starting a transition plan, in preparing your children for this next stage in their lives. We will be sharing the plan with you next week.

Training- All staff are now paediatric First Aid trained! We also have 4 staff trained in First Aid at work and Zoe is Forest school First aid trained as well! This is quite an achievement to gain 100% of staff to this level. Thank you to staff who have to attend this training on the weekends.

Karen has started her Forest School training, Debbie is carrying on with her level 5 in Play work. Ali has attended Equality and Diversity training and Sue and myself Senco training. Ali and I are continuing with coaching training and Linda kitching is carrying on with a business management level 3. Sue Pomroy is near to completing her Open University course. Zoe has been attending some Forest school refresher courses.

Finally a massive congratulations to Rhiannon, who has completed her level 3 through our apprenticeship and is now going on to the Abingdon College to study her foundation degree. We are very proud!!

Preschool

Fire Engine visit- At the end of term we had a fire engine visit us and the children loved it! This time the children actually got to squirt the water which was very exciting!

Chicks- May 8th the eggs will be arriving and this year we will be returning to chickens to hatch, so watch this space!

Parent/ Carer involvement- Again, this term, we have Helen, Rollie's grandmother supporting us on Tuesday mornings with cooking activities. If you would like to come in a help as a one off, with something in particular please let me know.

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!

Outdoor Explorers- Again 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.

Forest School- Last term some of the children attended a full day at Forest school which was very successful. The children (and staff!), reportedly slept very well that night! As you will now know Zoe will be running Forest school on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings! We are also in the process of Karen training as a second Forest school leader. The second day has been agreed by Amy Pearce (Head teacher) and the School Forest School Leaders. They would not have agreed this if it hadn't been for the support Zoe, her husband and parent volunteers, that have supported the maintenance days, so I'd like to thank you for this help, as it is great we have the opportunity to develop our provision with forest school.

Preschooler's belongings- Please can you check your child's belongings to ensure there are enough things for changes (including shoes) during the day. Please make sure children have appropriate clothes on the day, as our weather is so strange at the moment! Please be prepared with Sun cream (labelled and applied) or hats and coats, depending on the day!

Please make sure everything is labelled including lunch boxes!!

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.

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,

Breakfast club- If you are have a child that is just attending preschool sessions starting at 9.00am. Please note we cannot let them come into until the sessions start time at 9.00 due to ratios. Some parents with

preschoolers pay for breakfast club, therefore they may appear to be dropping off early however in reality they are arriving late for breakfast club, not early for preschool!

Collection- If you need to speak to your key person at collection, could you please come into the preschool, rather than at the door. With the numbers of families we have it is difficult for staff to manage this hand over of children when there are conversations taking place in the doorway.

Afterschool Club- If your child attends a club after school, or is going to miss a session or be attending another club, please let us know. It saves staff time, by not having to look for a child, or ring you at home/ work to see where they are. This can delay activities starting as it affects staff ratios to cover all areas.

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

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We can add the cost to your invoice if you don't carry cash.

Please support us!