



## **NORTH HINKSEY PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER**

**Term dates-** This term **ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. There will be **after school club as usual**. We will be returning after the May Half term on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 following an inset day on June 3rd. We will also be closed for the Early May Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May.

**Staffing News-** I would like to welcome Agnes to our team! She has just joined us and is getting to know all the children before she will become a Key Person from September. Agnes has many years' experience, working with children and is a Qualified Early Years Teacher. Most recently she has been working at a day nursery in Kidlington. Please say hello, you may see her in Preschool and After School Club.

**Have you noticed our fence?** -On the last day of term, after all the children had left my fantastic team stayed on to paint our fence, tidy cupboards, really tidy up the garden, the room, the windows and the hive! As you can imagine with around 120 children a week, passing through our doors between 7.45- 6.00 5 days a week, it is difficult to find either the time (or the energy!!), to carry out little maintenance jobs, so I just wanted to say "THANK YOU"!

**Thank you-**Also to everyone who sold, bought, helped and attended our Nearly New sale. We raised just over £400! Also Thank you to Bex Long whose employer donated £250 to us as a charity and I am in discussions with them to send a team at half term to Paint the external walls of the Hive! If your employer donates to charities, please remember us!

**Oxford Half Marathon-** In October last year we had three runners in the Oxford Half Marathon and the aim was to raise money for ourselves and also Botley Bridges. Thank you to everyone who supported this venture and particularly to Sean Duval, Stuart Dashwood and Ian Fitchett (who organised it). We managed to raise £300 for ourselves and £300 for Botley Bridges!

## **Preschool**



**Transition plan-** You should now of all accepted a reception place if your child is due to start school in September 2019. You should of all now had a copy of the transition plan demonstrating ways we are supporting your child. If your child is starting reception in September, we would like to invite you to a **Parent Information evening on Wednesday 22nd May 6.30-8.00** where you can meet the North Hinksey reception teacher, visit their classroom and then join preschool Key persons for some interactive fun on getting your children ready for school! If your child is attending other schools please make sure we know which one as we will be contacting their school also to arrange some transition support.

**Parent interviews-** We have some slots for you to book some time to talk to your Key person about your child, these are available to book from Wednesday evening. Our aim is to prioritise children leaving us and then book in children who will remain with us in September 2019.

**Sun Cream and Sun Hats-**As we all know the weather is so unpredictable, however please be prepared! We need you to provide Sun cream (Clearly labelled, as we will have more than 50 bottles of it!) They will be stored in Key groups trays. We would also appreciate it if your child could have it on when you bring them, in sunny weather, as applying cream to up to 30 children takes quite a while! We will then re-apply it after lunch. Please also label sun hats and EVERYTHING!!

## **After School Club**

Please let us know which clubs your child is attending ASAP so we don't spend time looking for them.

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

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