



# news

Date: March 2012

Dear Parents/Carers

## Pre-school update.

Another busy half term, lots of new little faces which is great!

Our 'Natural materials' topic was very successful, the children learnt lots of new things about where materials come from and we had a great time talking about bear caves and buildings. We are finishing this week with Easter activities and cooking Easter goodies.

You will have the opportunity this week to talk to your child's key worker about their achievements and look at their progress review. Please see a member of staff to confirm a time which is convenient, or you can email a preferred time.

Our topic next half term is **Gardens and Growing**

Here is a brief overview of some of the things we have planned in pre-school.

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### **Week 1 and 2**

#### ***Jack and the beanstalk? Scarlet Bean***

Settling the children back and looking at lots of things to do with growing and gardening

### **Week 3 and 4**

#### **The very Hungry Caterpillar/The Bad Tempered lady bird**

We will be looking at mini beasts in the garden and in the environment.

### **Week 5 and 6**

#### **Olivers Vegetables**

We will be looking at organic food and growing our own!!!!

**In addition to the topic we also look at your child's interests and likes and use these in our weekly planning. You can see this in more detail in the little room.**

**We hope you are enjoying your child's email updates, please feel free to give us any feedback about your child's interests and ideas.**



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## **'WOW' DOOR**

We would like to continue to celebrate your child's achievements at home and in pre-school by displaying any certificates, photos, drawings even little post it notes, anything your child has done that you are proud of. We will display these on the Wraparound door, please feel free to stick things on at any time. (to do with your child!!!!!!!)

## **PARENT HELP**

We always welcome any parent/carer wanting to help in pre-school, it could be to read a story, sing some songs, anything you like!!!! See a member of staff if you are interested.

## **3 YEAR OLD FUNDING**

Just a reminder that once your child reaches 3 years old the government funding becomes available after the full term of your child's birthday, e.g. if your child is 3 in January then the funding will be available after the Easter holidays(the summer term).

Pre-school fees continue at £5.00 per session for children under 3 and are still charged if your child is absent or sick on their selected days.

Please see a member of staff if you require more information on this.

## **PRE-SCHOOL PLACES**

**Because our numbers are rising and to keep our legal ratios correct can you please let me know if you intend to change any of your child's days next term and confirm your original days by either email or in person.**

**THANKYOU.**

## **WRAPAROUND POLICIES**

**OUR POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVERY PARENT/CARER TO LOOK THROUGH, THEY ARE HANGING NEAR THE NOTICE BOARD. SOME OF THESE INCLUDE OUR COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES (OFSTED DIRECT NUMBERS INCLUDED) AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. THEY ARE UPDATED AND REVIEWED ANNUALLY AND KEPT UP TO DATE WITH CURRENT CHILDCARE PRACTICE.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF ANY OF OUR POLICIES PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF STAFF KNOW.**



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## **OUTDOOR CLOTHING**

We spend lots of time outdoors so can you please ensure your child has appropriate clothing eg wellies, coat/waterproofs etc.

Now the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child has a hat and the appropriate sunscreen/cover.

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## **SNACK TIME**

The rolling snack is continuing to work well and we are very grateful for your 50p contribution Thank you very much.

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## **STORY BOXES-We will be continuing these this term**

The Story box consists of a favorite pre-school story with props which can be shared at home. The children will all have the chance to bring one home for a few days.

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## **PRESCHOOL FUNDS**

As ever your contributions are invaluable to our funds to help with resources, paints, paper etc.

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## **EMAIL**

Will you please let us know if you would prefer us to send you information about pre-school via email. This will help us reduce printer ink cost as well as saving paper etc. We will still have a copy of newsletters etc on the Wraparound notice board.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March -Break up for Easter**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March-Easter Fayre-10-12 am, please come along and support our Wraparound provision.**

**As I am unable to attend this year I will be offering a 3 hour babysitting service as part of the auction of promises!!!!(not too late though).**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April-back to school**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April-there will be no school lunches as school are out all day.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND HAVE A VERY HAPPY EASTER!!**

**PATSY, SHARON, JAYNE CAROLINE** Some Photos from this term



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