

Parent Coffee morning to discuss transitions

I was overwhelmed with the response to come in and have coffee to discuss your children’s new school transitions. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday 27th at 9am in the Butterfly Class

**End of Summer Term 1 Newsletter**

*Summer Term 1 - Week Ending 20th May 2022*

**End of Summer term 1!**

Can you believe that we are heading towards the end of the academic year?

This half term both classes have been looking at Living and Growing. We have looked in detail at lifecycles of plants and animals. Learning about size, learning new language, gaining understanding of how we grow and how to take care of ourselves by eating healthily and exercising. We have also started growing fruit and vegetables in our garden and loved watching the transformation from day to day.

Important Dates

End of Summer term

Wednesday 20th July at 12o’clock

Transition Evening 22nd June 7- 8.30

**Summer Term 2**

Starts

Monday 6th June

**Inset Day for September**

Friday 2nd September 11-12am in BOTH rooms

All children start back Monday 5th September

Last Week before half term

As the children start to feel the end of term approaching it is always nice to have extra fun activities to lighten the week. Next week we shall be focusing on Jubilee Celebrations with arts and crafts activities, the charity pyjama day on Wednesday and a tea party on Friday for those who are in.

We shall be continuing with cooking on Tuesday but resume phonics, shape of the week and Yoga when we return in June.

To support our next topic of journeys we will be covering a range of different types of journeys including transport, outings and life journeys.

We hope to be visiting Waitrose and the local area and maybe asking for parent helpers for this activity. Please let myself or Mrs Harvey know if this is something you would be happy to help with.

Please send us a postcard if you are travelling over the half term holiday so we can discuss this.

Summer Sun

We hope that summer is now on its way and would like to remind you to make sure your children arrive with suncream on and have spare bottles in their bags if they are staying all day.

Sun hats are also essential in this hot weather.



Our next topic is Journeys



**Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who supported the sponsored Bean Grow competition.

This year we collected a total of £493.33 Thank you all so much! I appreciate that this is a very different time from last year where the cost of living and covid gave us more disposable income yet you have still shown us great generosity for which we are very thankful.

**Pyjama Day**

As a setting we believe in supporting the wider community as well as our own fundraising. I have been contacted by Crackerjacks Children’s Trust who do amazing work providing specialist disabled equipment and respite for children with disabilities. This will be taking place on **Wednesday 25th May** and we ask for a suggested donation of £2.00 per child (although please feel free to give more if you can) All donations will go straight to them.

**Bags-to-School**

Our Next bags to school collection will be on **Wednesday 22nd June** please start getting all your unwanted clothes toether. We will start accepting bags from Monday 20th June. Please see the noticebord by the main entrance for a list of items that can be collected.

Trip to Shepreth.

I am so pleased that the end of term trip is proving so popular. After discussing the visit with staff at Shepreth I have decided to book a group visit rather than an educational visit. Although the educational visit is what we have always previously booked, I believe this option will be better suited to us. While we would get a short talk on minibeasts in the educational visit, this does not allow entry to the play barn. Considering we do not know the weather and the children ALWAYS want to use the barn I believe it is easier and more accommodating to have this option. I have now paid the deposit and have started collecting payment for the trip. I will be sending out details of timing nearer the date.

School readiness and next big steps

As we approach the second part of the summer term, we will be thinking more about moving to our new schools or classes. As mentioned, it is great that so many parents are coming to discuss any worries and concerns about this next week. Children will also start to be talking about the new schools and we will be welcoming reception teachers from local primary schools to visit. Transition Day for Hertfordshire is **Thursday 14th July** and Samuel Lucas have informed me that there will be picnics on the 4/5th July to meet teachers and read stories. Please do let either myself or Mrs Harvey know when your slots have been allocated for these days so we know when your children will be absent from this setting. This could possibly allow children moving up to the Butterfly class a little time to explore their new classroom.