



## Newsletter - Term 6 - 2019

Dear Parents,

So, we reach the end of another fantastic Pre-school year! How time flies when you're having fun! Can I just say a huge thank you for all your wonderful support over this last academic year; it really does mean so much to myself and the team. Thank you for helping make our Pre-school so very special!

For many the end of term marks the end of an era, as our older children get ready for their next adventure! We are very sad to see you go but very pleased that you chose us to spend these important Pre-school month/years with us. We will miss you very much but we know you are ready to carry on with your journey and that you'll absolutely love Foundation! Do come back and see us!

This has been a very busy, fun-packed term with lots of time spent enjoying water play in the sunshine (under the parasols!) We have been talking about keeping ourselves safe in the sun; making sure we wear sunscreen, a sunhat and drinking plenty of water.



We had a wonderful Pre-school outing to Roves Farm; the children enjoyed a Tractor ride, they got to feed the animals and all the parents came along which made it a very special day! Plus, the weather was beautiful!

### Dates for your diary:

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sep - Start of Term 1

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sep - AGM

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sep - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Open Morning

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Term 1 ends

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Over the last few weeks our focus has been on preparing our older children for the transition to Primary School. With 25 of our children leaving and with us welcoming 10 new children, it's all change again for us at Pre-school!

The older children have enjoyed lots of activities that will prepare them for Primary School. There has been lots of visits to the school including the children taking part in the Primary School's Sport's Day. This was yet another opportunity to become a little more familiar with their new surroundings and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the races!

The children have been participating in School role play where they have had the opportunity to wear School uniform and act out their visits to School. The older children have created their own 'School Book' which include photos of their new teachers and their new school together with any thoughts, concerns and the things they are looking forward to about moving up to Primary School. For our younger children they have been making 'Pre-school books' which include photos of their key person and of the Pre-school. The idea of these books are for parents to share them with their children over the long Summer break so that whether they are going up to Primary or simply returning to us at Pre-school, we hope they will help to make the start of September a really positive experience for you and your child.

We enjoyed participating in the Barnardo's Big Toddle with the Foundation children from Primary School and raised a grand total of £125! We toddled, played games in the park and then had a drink and a snack together!

Thank you for supporting our events at the Village Festival; for donating Teddy's for our Teddy Tombola, for letting your children try and win those Teddy's back and for having a go on our Stocks! You helped us raise over £200, which is brilliant!

This term we have been learning lots about different life cycles including those of Tadpoles, Frogs, Butterflies and Caterpillars and looking at the differences between Moths and Butterflies. The children were very excited to see the caterpillars that Jude brought in from her own garden! The children have thoroughly enjoyed planting and watching the growth of their beans! These plants were then potted up and given as Father's Day gifts!

We welcomed lots of Dad's to our Father's Day picnic, albeit an in-door picnic due to the unseasonal June weather! Thank you to all the Dad's for joining their children and making this picnic special.

In our last full week of term we held a lovely Leavers Service which was a huge success. Boogie Beats were just fabulous and all the children loved them! Thank you so much to the parents who were able to share in this event. It's always quite emotional but very lovely to mark the occasion!



## **Committee**

Our next AGM will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, please pop the date in your diary! We would love to see you there. We will be talking about what we have been doing in the last academic year and what our plans are for the future. Our success depends on the continued support of parents/carers and volunteers and we would love to welcome more of you onto our Committee.

We would like to thank our current Committee members for their hard work and enthusiasm over the last academic year! We really appreciate you giving us your time.

## **Upcoming events**

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## **Reminders**

Please could parents please let us know if their child will not be coming into Pre-School for any reason. We record reasons for absence and will phone if your child has not come in and we have not received any communication from you. This is an Ofsted requirement and one that will continue when they reach school. The Pre-School number and my e-mail is on the top of the newsletter if you don't have it already.

Our Pre-school day starts at 9am; we would appreciate it if parents could have dropped off and left before 9.10am at the latest to allow for the children to settle into their session. Many thanks for your understanding.

Please continue bringing in junk modelling materials, the children love making some fantastic items and structures out of them.

The children love cooking at Pre-school. Could I please remind you to pay your £1 per term donation for this activity. Thank you.

All parents are very welcome to come in and help at Pre-School either by doing jobs or just playing with the children. Please let a member of staff know if you would like to come in.

Can I please remind parents that the only drink that should be in children's water bottles that they have free access to is water. They can have juice etc. with their packed lunch. At Primary School, they will only be allowed to have water and so it is good for them to get used to this. Also, there is convincing evidence that drinking only water or milk between meals helps to prevent tooth decay.

Could parents please bring in a sunhat for their child to keep at Pre-School. Please ensure it is named. Also, if your child does full day sessions they will also need some sun cream, again named and kept at Pre-School, for us to apply at lunchtime. If your child is only in for half days please ensure you have applied it before they arrive for their session.