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for your child's learning"*

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Dear Parents,

As I write this to you, I am preparing to have my second total hip replacement. Those that have known me for a while may have noticed that my mobility over the last year has really deteriorated. Thank you for all your kind words of support.

My last day will be on Tuesday 6th June, just after the half term holiday and I will return in September.

Sophia will be covering my role during this time and Emily will continue to cover in Star room. However, I am sure to see you out and around during my recovery – as I have to walk and I am sure that the pull of the school will be irresistible. Gill 😊

Dates for your Diary,

9th June Caterpillars arrive and will transform into beautiful butterflies.

10th June school photographs – if you would like younger siblings photographed individually or with their siblings please let us know.

3rd July sports day – you will be given more information nearer the day about how you can come and watch and even take part in the parents and carers race!

22nd July Teddy Bears Picnic – children can bring their teddies to a picnic that they will have helped to make; more information about the timings will be given nearer the day. We will also be giving out reports that day.

Donations

We thought we get in early and ask if you have any raincoats or wellies that your child no longer needs please could you donate them to us. 😊

Thank you

School Fund - Urgent plea

We ask that parents contribute £5 each half term that is less than £1 a week. It helps us if you pay through the parent pay app, but there are other ways you can pay e.g. at the coop. We have 120 children on role now, and if everyone paid that we would have £600 each half term. However, we have only been given about £145. We use the money to pay for the snacks that we buy each week and for resources that we make like playdough, cooking, shaving foam and cornflour. Our weekly shopping bill is approximately £70. We are supporting trips out and have another one planned for next half term. Unfortunately, we will struggle going forward as we have only got £250 at the moment.

Summer Sun

The weather is at last starting to show signs of summer. Please can I remind you to put sun cream on your child before you bring them to school. We will apply some at lunchtime for children who stay for lunch. The sun cream that we use is Nivea factor 50 sensitive. If your child is unable to have this, you will need to provide your own.

Holiday ideas for half term –

school is closed between Monday 27th May and Friday 31st May

- ✚ **Greenwich Maritime museum** has lots of things on some of which are free, but still need to be booked. Look at their website for ideas.
- ✚ **Picnic in Abbey ruins**; we have a wonderful free resource with the Abbey, let the children run some energy off amongst history and nature.
- ✚ Visit the museums in London; many have free events, look at their websites. E.g. The Science Museum has an interactive garden for under-fives and the 'Who am I gallery'.
- ✚ **Have a trip on the Elizabeth line**; children under 11 are free. Travel quickly into the centre of London, go and look at Buckingham palace or the tower of London, free to look at even if they are very expensive to go in!
- ✚ A museum which is new to me is the **Museum of Docklands** – entirely free. There is a **Mudlarks Gallery** for under 8's which includes soft play and water play – aprons are even provided! They also have 'trails for under 5's'. There is lots more available if you look online.

URGENT

If you would like to change what attendance you would like for your child in September then you will need to let us know by the holiday as we will then offer places to new children. We will offer 30hrs; Two/three full days (2 days one week 3 days the next) or 3 hrs five days per week. If you have told Barbara you may have a sibling you want a place for or that you may want to change how your child attends confirm with her **As Soon As Possible**. If you are new to universal credit, but are not eligible for the 30 hours you may still be able to increase your child's attendance as Universal Credit is paying 80% of fees up front for some families. Again, talk to Barbara if you have any questions.

Notes and reminders

- ✚ Please ensure your child's footwear has backs on it – no flip flops or 'sliders'.
- ✚ Please do not bring presents for all the children on your child's birthday. A piece of fruit each or to share with the class if fantastic. If you want to do more then please buy a book or jigsaw for the library. – Thank you.
- ✚ I have attached a letter about vapes, which you may find interesting for yourself.
- ✚ Please ensure that your child's shoulders are covered in the sun – it is easy to burn and the playground is a heat trap.

Although, I will be recovering during the summer, I still hope to see you and plan to attend the Teddy Bears Picnic in July, so this is not 'goodbye', but 'see you later'.

Gill and all the staff. 😊