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for your child's learning"*

# PARENTS NEWSLETTER

## May 2023

Dear Parents,

As I write this to you, I am preparing to have a 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 6<sup>th</sup> June, just after the half term holiday and I will return in September.

Sophia will be covering my role during this time and we will have a teacher in Star room to cover her. 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 irritable. Gill ☺

### Dates for your Diary,

**8<sup>th</sup> June school photographs** – if you would like younger siblings photographed individually or with their siblings please let April know.

**9<sup>th</sup> June Caterpillars** arrive and will transform into beautiful butterflies.

**21<sup>st</sup> June 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!

**20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 payed that we would have £600 each half term. However, we have only been given £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 also paid for the Coronation party for the King. During the year, we have supported 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 to lunch. The sun cream that we use is Sainsbury's own factor 50 sensitive. If your child is unable to have this, you will need to provide your own.

### Holiday ideas for half term

- ✚ 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 but celebrating it's 20<sup>th</sup> 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!
- ✚ RBG is providing free lunches for children during the holidays, we have put a list of the locations on our website, but it's every day at the Woolwich centre, other than the Bank Holiday Monday.

There is lots more available if you look online.

### URGENT

Next week is the last date that you will get to choose what attendance you would like for your child in September. We will offer 30hrs; Two and a half days (which you can pay to top up to three days), or 3 hours days a week. We will be offering out places to new children next week. If you have told April you may have a sibling you want a place for; that you may want to change how your child attends tell her **As Soon As Possible**. If you have 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 April if you have any questions.

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.☺**