



Harpole Pre-School Newsletter

Term 4 February/March 2017

TERM 3 – HEALTH LIVING

Our theme for term 4 is 'Healthy Living'. We will be exploring how to live safe and healthy lives, discussing and investigating physical wellbeing, hygiene and dental care, healthy eating, and staying safe.

If you have anything that is relevant to the above and would like to share this with us please speak to a member of staff.

We will be putting together a display of healthy and not so healthy foods and would appreciate it if you could bring in a selection of wrappers or pictures from each category that we can use in our display - No judgements will be made ☺.

At the end of the term each child will receive a healthy living bag of goodies which we hope they will be able to share with you, talking about what they have learnt.

We will also be squeezing in Mothers Day, Easter and World Book Day. Another Busy Term☺

SMARTIE TUBES

Please bring your full smartie tubes in by Friday 17th March so the children can have their smarties. We're not fussy and accept notes as well as coin☺



Diary Dates

- Monday 20th February – Pre-school reopens.
- 27th Feb – 3rd March - Book week.
- Friday 17th March – Coffee Morning
- Friday 31st March - Last day of term (Easter holiday).
- Tuesday 18th April – Teacher Training Day.
- Wednesday 19th April – Term Starts.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE VOUCHERS

These are back in store and we will be collecting them to obtain free equipment. Please bring the in to pre-school, a collection box is in the Bumblebee room.

Pre-School Wish List

Please could you donate any of the following for this term's projects?

- Cotton Wool
- White Card
- Wrapped chocolate eggs (for Easter egg hunt)
- Yellow Feathers
- Brown paper
- Plasters

Please bring them into Pre School and hand to a member of staff.
Many Thanks

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 17th March

Come along to our parents and toddlers coffee morning for tea, cake and conversation. Toys available for children of all ages.

Everyone welcome

LABELLING & APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please remember we strive to get the children outside 'WHATEVER THE WEATHER' as this is vitally important to their physical and emotional wellbeing and development, even if only for a short period and we would ask that you please send them with appropriate warm clothing and footwear.

We would appreciate it if all clothing are labelled – including hats, gloves, and scarves as the children can get mixed up and upset as to what belongs to them.

PARKING

Due to limited parking available and the volume of cars when dropping off and collecting, could we ask parents and visitors to be mindful of other road users and respectful of residents and their driveways to avoid upset and unnecessary hassle to yourselves and our neighbours.

In particular please drive and park carefully and with special attention to road and pedestrian safety.

We have also had an incident of a car being hit while parked outside, luckily no one was hurt or in the parked car. This could of been very frightening or dangerous for any little ones left in cars while parents pop their children in. Could we ask parents to be mindful of this risk.

SEPTEMBER 2017

If you have or know of any child that would like to attend Harpole Pre-school in the academic year 2017-2018 please ask for a form to register them on the waiting list as places are filling up already.

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TOYS from Home

We are at present getting children bringing in lots of toys from home, unfortunately some of these are getting broken and lost which result in very upset children come home time.

Please could we ask that you encourage your child to leave their toys at home or in their bags to avoid them getting upset.

If they need a comforter, this of course can come in with them.

Many Thanks

Facebook & Website

Please remember to visit our website and facebook page for regular reminders of up and coming events and news.

There is also a private group that can only be seen by parents for you to share your photos etc. All these pages can be accessed via the website at:

www.harpolepreschool.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Harpole-Pre-School-128264602540

the private parent group is:

www.facebook.com/groups/295670870805144

Collection Time

Due to our numbers and the congestion we have been experiencing at collection time after lunch, we have introduced a new system with immediate effect.

All children will be in the large hall waiting to be collection, parents and carers should follow the corridor round collect their child and lunch box from the end of the room and leave via the double doors at the top of the room.

We hope this makes things easier for everyone.

Many Thanks for your cooperation.

BUTTERFLY LEAVERS FOREST SCHOOL TRIP

Forest School will be starting next term so see attached information regarding days your child will be attending, important information and what to wear.

Please ensure payments are made by Friday 24th
February

Phonic's

We have at pre-school a Phonics CD that all children will receive, listening to sounds is vitally important for children in order to progress on to reading and writing. They are very catchy songs which we will show children the actions to. Its a wonderful additional to the in car cd collection 😊

We also have available a supporting phonic's writing book which allows children to practice letter formation and recognition. If you would like one of these for your child to have a go with please let Sharon know.

This activity is only an introduction into the world of phonics and is **not** essential that your child takes part. However if they do show an interest we will be learning 2 new sounds a week, if you return the folders once they have had a go we will write words of encouragement and let you know the next 2 sounds.

BUTTERFLY BAKING BAG

The Butterfly Baking Bag is doing the rounds again, this time we are making 'Cheesy Chicks'. We have 4 bags that will be given out to children on a rolling basis for them and you to try at home. **(Please keep the bag no longer than a week to ensure all children get a chance to take a bag home).**

In the bag will be a recipe, the utensils needed and the ingredients (all ready weighed out) for you to have a go at home with your little ones. All we ask is that you maybe take a picture and bring it back in with the bag when you have finished. You can upload them to the closed facebook page too.

We all lead very busy lives and we know that baking with our little ones sometimes can be a little stressful as they tend to be a little impatient when it comes to the weighing out and preparing the ingredients as well as that sinking feeling when you go to the cupboard and your missing a vital ingredient 😊. Therefore we thought this would be a lovely way for you to enjoy baking with them without the hassle and stress.

Baking is a great educational tool that can help your children learn firstly; how to bake, but also the concept of change, physical motor skills and control, maths, language and much more.

We hope you enjoy baking and trying them afterwards. We certainly enjoy having a try 😊