



Pre-School Post

Hello,

Last week of term, and this week Easter has firmly been in sight for the children. With chocolate eggs in the shops and much talk about it amongst friends, this has been our focus this week. We like to snatch every learning opportunity we can through their motivation so this week we have had Easter related tuff trays with spring related items on including nests, chicks, bunny footprints and more. There have been math's activities to sort, counting chicks and matching the correct numeral egg shapes. The children have enjoyed some baking and there has been a couple of egg hunts after one child checked in with me "Mrs Evans we will do an egg hunt at pre-school wont we?" Who could say no and stop the fun! My replied, I think we can find a way of counting some eggs.... She checked back with me "There will be chocolate won't there?" We aim to please through fun and learning so that's what happened!

The art work the children is producing has really brightened up the classroom with flowers, using potato mashers they have created some great shapes and patterns very Easter like. I hope you all have their masterpieces displayed at home!

We will continue after the Easter break to more Spring activities and look forward to planting some bulbs adding some colour to the garden which is beginning to bloom from Winter.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely break whatever you get up to, don't forget to post on Class dojo for the children to share with friends when they return.

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager

Lunches

Lunch times are a busy time with extra supervision required to support children with correct eating habits, but also monitoring to avoid choking. Fruit is an especially high risk choking hazard. **Please can you ensure all grapes, large blueberries, strawberries etc are cut length ways.**

As the warmer weather arrives you may wish to place cold/freeze blocks in them to keep them extra cool particularly those dairy products such as cheese and yoghurts.

Reminder we are a nut free zone so no nut products in lunches.

Sun cream

We hope the sun will be present more after the holidays. Please return the slips to give us permission to re- apply sun-cream at lunch time especially for those all day children. We are sure you don't want to return to do this in the middle of the day. All children should have it applied before pre-school and will be asked to apply if not. Staff will only re-apply in the middle of the day or if they feel it may have washed off from water play etc.

Pre-school have sun hats but if your child would like to leave one of their own at pre-school with their name labelled that is fine too. All children will be encouraged to wear a hat in the garden when the sun is present more for safety.

Shoes and clothes

Children are encouraged to wear their school logo tops, but please can you ensure they have clothes suitable for playing in Mud, water, messy play, dirt, we are expecting the delivery of a new climbing frame for the pre-school garden and use the bikes on the playground more. Baggy clothes, dresses etc get tangled and are not suitable.

We encourage all children to do their own shoes and socks during active body sessions and other change of footwear times. Please help your child by encouraging this at home as well as providing manageable shoes.

Dates for the diary

Start of term	24 th April 2022
Wk commencing 23rd May 2022	Queen Platinum Jubilee celebrations (Details at a later date)
Wk commencing 30 th May 2022	Half term week



Special thanks to Becky the Greengrocers who was very welcoming to the children and patient, as they browsed all her lovely goods and made their purchase during their recent visits.



Happy Easter Everyone!

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