

Pre-School Post

Hello,

The past two weeks have really seen summer hot up, this means we need to find ways to cool down and there was no better way than the paddling pool, and slip and slide mats. The children turned themselves into human bowls attempting to knock down the inflatable skittles – a bit of counting added to the fun!

We made ice pops and ate several too, a great way to get the children having water and staying hydrated after all their fun.

The underwater and pirate theme has run its course and children seem more interested in Transport now, we have talked about road safety to recap some important listening and looking skills. We have changed the home corner after a vote, the children have collectively requested a police station, complete with its own jail as requested. There has been some very hefty parking and speeding fines this week already. Playing with number and adding mark making to their play. The children have also learnt the number they call for help and know they can ask a police man/lady for help if they get lost etc. We have drawn roads on the floor and included pedestrian crossings both to engage in road safety and big mark making, building up their strength in their upper bodies ready for writing in school.

Thank you to those who attended the parent information evening, where we focused on the early year's curriculum. It is really valuable to the children when we work together to help them reach their potential.

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.

Spare clothes

We always have a bank of spare clothes for those times needed, however we have run extremely low. If you have any of pre-school spares at home please could you return them ASAP, or if you have old outgrown clothes including shorts, t-shirts, and trousers that you have finished with we would be very grateful to build up our supplies.



Sports Day- Monday 18th July (am)



Many of you have made enquires about Pre-school taking part on sports day. Staff are only able to accommodate those children usually in on a Monday session due to the high ratios we need to maintain and support required for this event. The children will be taking part in a few short races such as egg and spoon, running, and obstacle race. If your child is not normally in on that day, you are welcome to attend (we understand you may be also watching siblings) although Pre-school staff will not be responsible for them during this time. We will need an adult to stay with them and supervise them. Please indicate if you would like your child to take part in a race to Mrs Evans, so she can plan accordingly. Not every child will be running every race.

Resources – We need your help!



Children learn best when using items and resources they see you use at home, the language and level of their play and interactions is greatly improved with real life items. The mathematical learning concepts with scales, use of language, social skills and turn taking skills is really enhanced when engaged in role play.

Our mud kitchen and role play gets a lot of use and the mud kitchen is outside in all weathers. If you have any old kitchen utensils, small lightweight saucepans, colanders, kitchen pots or pans, jugs, wooden spoons, spatulas, teapots, or dishes that you may be upgrading or could donate to pre-school please send them our way.

We are also interested in any of the following:

Travel size kettles or irons

Kitchen scales

Old telephones

Remote controls

Old Cameras

Adult hats, handbags, small size flat shoes

Children's comics

Old hairdryers

End of year Party- Thursday 21st July (am)

This is our time to celebrate not only the end of the year but to finish on a high with those children leaving us for school. This event always brings mixed emotions as we are in full party mode, but sad to say good bye to those leaving our pre-school family (don't get me started!).

We would like to invite all those children not normally in on this session, we will have extra support to help us with games, party food and we also have an entertainer who helps us achieve those last laughs!

If you would like your child to attend this party session you must inform Mrs Evans to enable us to cater for food, allergies and games.



Toys

There have been an increase in toys being brought in from home, please encourage your child to leave these at home. We have plenty to use in pre-school. If brought in, they will be left on coat pegs or pigeon holes as it causes many issues and is time consuming looking for them at the end of sessions.

My email, should you need to contact me, is k.evans@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk