

Dates for the Diary

W/C 20th Mar 2017	Dad's get crafty for Mother's day
4th April 2017	EASTER CHURCH SERVICE
6th April 2017	EASTER EGG HUNT—FAMILY EVENT
7th April 2017	Last day before EASTER BREAK
24th April 2017	INSET DAY
25th April 2017	Return to preschool after Easter break
4th May 2017	INSET DAY
27th May—4th June	Half term
5th June 2017	Return after half term
W/C 12th June 2017	Mums get crafty for Father's day
JULY 2017	SPORTS DAY—date to be confirmed
25th July 2017	SCHOOL LEAVERS CEREMONY
25th July 2017	END OF TERM PARTY & LAST DAY!



TAPESTRY

Hopefully now you've all got access to your child's online Learning journey and you're enjoying seeing all they get up to each session they attend!

Your child's first key person report should be available to you as well now, a paper copy having been added to your child's drawer. Let us know what you think and feel free to chat to your key person or myself about any queries you may have. As mentioned on the report cover letter, there is a section for you to add your comments, which we would love if you could do please.

We also love seeing all the photos, videos and observations coming in from you, which we talk to the children about too, so please do keep these coming in!

If you have any queries with your login or any access, pls speak to Amanda.



WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT...

The children are definitely enjoying our topic this term and have had lots of fun re-creating the adventures the family take when trying to find the bear!

We've also cooked lots of wonderful creations for our bear hunt picnic and will be having our own teddy bear Easter Egg Hunt at the end of term to which you are all invited! Separate info will be out very soon, but reserve the date in your diary:)

However, if your child is really interested in something more specific at home and you'd/they'd like to share that with us, please let us know and we'd be happy to incorporate that in to our sessions!

COMMITTEE & NEW BUILD UPDATE

The committee have been working hard in the background trying to secure a quote for the new building we so long for! Due to last years vote to leave the EU, this has meant the quote we initially had for the building has been requoted and has come in at a considerable amount more, pushing our original target of £90,000 to much nearer £150,000!!

Therefore James has been investigating other options of a building which may come in at a much more reasonable cost to ourselves.

As you can imagine, this does take some time and is a lot of work, which if anyone out there has any help they would like to give to support the committee with this, this would be very much appreciated!

Also, as the year rolls on, we are heading towards our summer term AGM where we re-elect a new committee. Due to James' daughter leaving for school in July, he has already advised that he will be stepping down as Chairman.

Therefore we will be looking for his replacement, so if this is something that may be of interest to you, or maybe you'd like to have a more active part of the committee, please come and see myself or James.

REMINDERS

Suitable clothing—Warm coat/jumper/waterproof & wellies if possible at every session

Pls let us know if for any reason your child is not attending a session (this allows us to monitor if there may be an outbreak of any one illness)

NO SWEETS OR NUTS & MINIMAL CHOCOLATE! (if you wish your child to have a chocolate bar, we would look to these being no larger than a fun size one)

NAME EVERYTHING!!!!



SAFETY IN THE CAR PARK

I know the car park is a busy place, however we have had reported incidents of cars driving too fast!

Also, pls ensure your child is with you at all times to ensure they are safe around the moving traffic.

SEATBELTS & CAR SEATS MUST be used by ALL children who attend this setting AT ALL TIMES! New legislation out on 1/3/17 states all children of preschool age must be restrained in a full backed booster. You may feel like you are a good driver, but unfortunately not everyone else is and you are protecting your child(ren) against others too!

We (and any other witness) are legally obliged to contact the police if we see any child(ren) not suitably secured in their car.

SMARTIES CHALLENGE

Over the last few years we have been successfully running this challenge raising valuable funds for our preschool.

Separate details to follow, however in brief, we supply each child with a FULL tube of smarties (which they can then eat!) and we ask if they can work round the family, gathering any loose change they can find to put in the empty tube.

The tubes are then returned to us and we will reveal how much our challenge will have raised this year.

Thanks in advance for your support!



NHS WEBSITE

Well we've nearly made it through the Winter and I think we've managed really well with the minimal of outbreaks of any one illness!

A new government website has been created for everyone to access (parents, settings, schools) for any details if you have any concerns about your child and their health. You can access this on the below link:

<http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/>

Here you can check any symptoms, look for advice on various health concerns for any child aged 0-18years, so great for all the children in the family.

We at the setting also ask you to do a weekly MOT for your child which includes the following:

Headlice check—keep on top of those little critters!

Lunchbox big clean—we all know how those tiny bits of yoghurt get lodged in the creases!

Shoe fitting—don't we all know that as soon as they have a new pair of shoes they outgrow them!

School bag check—spare clothing, enough nappies/wipes if applicable

Obviously these are things that I am sure you do regularly and maybe more often than weekly, however we find that this would help us to reduce the spread of any possible illness and along with the regulations on time off needed if your child has had an illness, may reduce the risk of them catching anything again too soon!!

We at the setting work extremely hard on keeping all the equipment as clean and germ free as possible, so working together we can combat the bugs!!

Events for the coming year...

Just a bit of info about the events we have coming up this year:

Dad's get craft for Mother's Day—W/C 20th March 2017—This is where a male part of the family comes in and helps create a craft activity for the mums for Mother's Day. We will send home specific letters with details on attached to this newsletter.

Easter Church Service—Tuesday 4th April 2017—CHILD ONLY EVENT Children that attend a session on Tuesday afternoons will get the chance to go along to the local Church (St Luke's) where Cathy Pynn (the local vicar who comes in to play with the children) hosts an afternoon of games and activities, which also incorporates the origins of Easter. This is offered to the children in an extremely fun way (at Christmas it was based around a pass the parcel story). If you think this is something you would like your child to attend but this is not their day, they would be able to attend if you were to drop the off directly to the church. Letters will go out about this closer to the event.

Easter Egg Hunt—6th April 2017 — FAMILY EVENT- We invite all children and their families to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Another fundraiser where children's items they have made will be on sale along with other stalls. We will also see the return of our Bake Off challenge:)

Mum's get craft for Father's Day—W/C 20th March 2017—This is where a female part of the family comes in and helps create a craft activity for the dad's for Father's Day. We will send home specific letters with details on nearer the time.

Sports Day—July 2017 TBC—FAMILY EVENT—Our annual Sporting Event where the children go round a carousel of activities for our own Impstone Olympics! All children and families invited.

We will send out posters with more details for each of these nearer the time.