

Kibworth Methodist Pre-School

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Newsletter Summer 2018

The Summer term is flying by and I am sure we are all now looking forward to our holidays. Here are just some of the things that the pre-school has been up to since the current term began.

- Welcoming the teachers from Kibworth Primary school to our setting, all of which have spent some time with the children due to start school Autumn 2018 and for those children who are not going to Kibworth Primary I would like to say that the transition to the new schools are going very well indeed.
- On the 19th and 21st June we visited Kibworth Primary school's Foundation class to familiarise the children starting school in the Autumn term with their new class rooms, have a play plus spend some time with their new teachers and support staff. All the children were extremely well behaved and polite, a real credit to you as parents and the setting. We have taken some lovely photos of their visits.
- Mrs Sue Wright has informed us that all parents will be informed of which teacher your child will be having week commencing 25th June.
- We conducted parent's evenings/mornings on Monday 18th June and Wednesday 20th June. Thank you to those of you who attended. It is not compulsory to attend any of our parent's evenings/mornings – if we have any concerns we would arrange to see you as soon as possible. We are aware that not everyone was aware of our parent's evenings/mornings and we apologise for that. If you would like to arrange a time to see us regarding your child before the end of term then please speak to a member of staff.
- If you would like more information regarding 'SCHOOL READINESS', please look at the following website, PACEY.org.uk. Being 'school ready' is about having strong social skills, being emotionally ready to separate from parents/carers, being relatively independent, for example, your child being able to wipe themselves after going to the toilet, being able to put on their shoes, dress and undress, use fastenings and to have the desire to learn about the world around them.
- ***IMPORTANT* LEAVERS SERVICE, FRIDAY 13TH July at 11.30am. If your child is going to school this Autumn but does not attend on a Friday then please bring your child to pre-school just before 11.30am on the above date so that they can attend the service. You will then be asked to wait at the front of the church building ready to enter via the main church doors. Thank you.**
- The last toddler group of this term will be Friday 6th July, 1-3pm.
- Autumn term 2018 starts on Tuesday 28th August.

ACTIVITIES THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED :-

- Visiting the local park near the primary school.
- Tennis lessons at Kibworth Tennis Club on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Visiting the library – the children enjoyed choosing books to bring back to pre-school plus they have enjoyed the colouring sheets that the library provide for them
- Alfie the therapy pony visited us and the children took turns petting and decorating him.
- Learning what items can be recycled after eating our packed lunch plus a thank you to you the parents for using foil rather than plastic bags or cling film to wrap sandwiches
- Supervised teeth cleaning
- Growing podding peas and strawberries
- The older children have particularly enjoyed learning how to sew
- Looking for insects and making bug houses outside with the soil and sand
- Bathing dollies
- Learning about our Royal family when Harry and Meghan got married – some lovely paintings of the queen were created !
- Practicing cutting skills – being able to cut a straight line, curvy line and a zig zag (older children mainly)
- Our music sessions with Musical Millie and Chris with his guitar are still popular although Chris is currently poorly so we may not see him again until next term. I'm sure we all wish him a speedy get well !

Visitors to the setting before the end of term / planned activities

- A dental hygienist will be visiting us on Thursday 6th July at 11.00am. The hygienist normally talks to the children about healthy foods to keep our teeth and body healthy and will also talk about the importance of brushing teeth twice a day.

FUNDING

For parents still with us in the Autumn term the following website's may be worth looking at, they are :-

INFORMATION – gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs

Childcarechoices.gov.uk

For ELIGIBILITY criteria for childcare funding (30 hour / 2 year funding) visit

Leicestershire.gov.uk/when-your-child-is-eligible

TAX FREE CHILDCARE – visit, gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/tax-free-childcare

Some reminders :-

- Please could you make sure all clothing and water bottles are named.
- On arrival please make sure that any children not attending pre-school are supervised – it is important that the member of staff on the door is only responsible for children attending pre-school that day, thank you.

I will be ending this Newsletter on a sad note in that after over 12 years of service to Kibworth Methodist Pre-school, Penny will be leaving us at the end of this term. Penny has cared for so many of the villages children over the years, being an excellent Key Person the children and their families. We will miss her very much as I am sure you will too. Penny is not retiring as such (she is too young for that yet !) but would like to be able to spend more time with her family.

For parents and carers who collect their child at 1pm/3pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, please could you collect from the side door (the door you come through in the morning)

Please could I remind you all to collect your children on time, thank you.

As ever, if there is anything you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to speak to Jayne or any other member of staff.

Thank you,

Jayne and all the staff at Kibworth Methodist Pre-school.