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Newsletter June 2024

Welcome back to Pre-school.

Focus: We have had a delivery of some very tiny caterpillars and for the coming week we will be looking closely at these and learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. Our focus story will be 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we will also be tasting the fruit he eats in the story and counting out the correct amounts. After this we will move on to the topic of 'Under the Sea.' We will be exploring our own rockpool and naming the fish and animals we find in it. We will do shell rubbings and learn about the number 8 as each child makes their own octopus, counting out the 8 legs they need. We will paint bubble wrap to make water like prints that we will stick our own colourful fish on to. Two of focus stories will be 'Sharing a Shell' and 'Commotion in the Ocean.' Some of the children will begin to take part in more focused phonics sessions at their own level where we will be practising listening skills as a priority but also learning letter sounds and copying/writing letters from their names and other words if the children are ready. The children will also learn about rhyme. We will be basing some of our plans around the early stages of the 'Read Write Inc' phonics' programme which is used in Bollinbrook Primary School and if you google 'Read Write Inc guide for parents' there is lots of information on the website. If your child is going to school in September, they will be borrowing some early reading books from our library over the next few weeks, and you will be receiving a separate letter about these books when they bring their first one home.

Transition Visits: If you child is going to Bollinbrook Primary School in September you should now have received details of their transition visits- Wednesday 26th June 9.30- 11 am and Wednesday 3rd July 1.30-3pm. If their visit falls on the day that they are usually in Pre-school we can drop off and collect them from school on the morning session and drop off for the afternoon session if you wish us too- could you please let me know if you want us to do this. As the afternoon session on 3rd July runs until 3pm could you all please pick the children up from the school office-we will make sure they have all their belongings with them. The Fizzy Totz session that usually runs on a Wednesday morning will be moved to the afternoon on Wednesday the 26th so the children do not miss out on their class.

School Summer Fair: Bollinbrook School are holding their annual summer fair on Tuesday 2nd July, straight after the end of the school day and Pre-school parents and children are invited to attend. We normally run a sweet stall at this event to help with our fund raising but this year we have no staff available so if anyone feels like volunteering to run this, please let us know.

Sport's Day: We will be holding a simple sports day for the children on Wednesday 10th July, led by Sam our Fizzy Totz coach. It will take place on the school field and start as soon as all the children are in- about 9.15 am and will last approximately 40 minutes and you are welcome to come and watch. If your child is going to school in September, they would be welcome to come and join in with this if they do not usually attend on a Wednesday.

Sun Cream: If the weather forecast is for sunny weather, could you please ensure you have applied **long lasting sun cream** to your child before they come into Pre-school and that they have a named bottle of sun cream in their bag. Could you also send them in with a sun hat. If your child is in Pre-school all day, we can help them re apply cream after lunch.

Spare clothes: Could you ensure that your child always has a spare set of clothes in their bags. We will be exploring lots of water activities over the coming weeks and could well need them!

Please also ensure that outer clothes, particularly coats, hats and the Pre-school sweatshirts and cardigans are named, as well as lunch boxes, drink bottles and any containers within them. Thank you.

Road Works: Please be aware that we have been informed by Cheshire East that Merriden Road will be closed on 3rd and 4th June from 9.30 am until 2.30 pm and Westminster Road to Westbrook Drive will then be closed for the following few days during the same times. Hopefully this will only affect the lunchtime pick ups and drop offs.

Leavers Assembly and Picnic: On Friday 19th of July, we will be holding a Leaver's celebration for those children leaving us for Primary School. The children can come in at 9 as usual and then the celebration will start at 11.30am with a picnic afterwards and all parents are invited to attend. After the picnic the children can go home. All children who are leaving us for school are invited from 9am, even if they do not normally attend on a Friday. Pre-school closes for all other children on Thursday 18th July.

Dates for the diary:
Sport's Day- Wednesday 10th July 9.15 am
Pre-school closes for younger children: Thursday 18th July
Leaver's Assembly and Picnic: Friday 19th July

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