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Newsletter Summer Term 6 2023



Theme: This term we are focussing our learning around the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen, this will open up a world of fun learning opportunities, particularly about story sequencing, sensory play and Bears! Your children are welcome to share any relevant items with us (including books, photos, or games).

We are also focussing on **Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land**, particularly the question "Why do we need trees? building children's knowledge and understanding through age-appropriate activities. For further information on the goals, please see: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

EYPP funding: To support learning at home and the development of Communication and Language and Literacy for all of the children, we have used some of the Early Years Pupil Premium funding to purchase a book for each child, either about transition to school, or around the current theme. We have purchased the majority of books from "WOB", a fabulous online second-hand book shop, which follows our ethos of sustainability and our commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We are currently enjoying sharing the stories with all of the children, and we will be sending a copy home for each child to keep and share with their family, along with ideas for learning at home, towards the end of term. We hope you will enjoy sharing these books with your children.

Help with fees: We strongly recommend that all parents visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk you may be surprised by the help that is available, including tax-free childcare which is available alongside your funded hours to cover additional fees. If you think you may be eligible for extended hours (up to 30 hours) please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and follow the steps to get a code. It is imperative that you give us your code before 14th July, if you wish to claim extended hours in September, and then keep us informed of your ongoing eligibility.

Sun Protection: Thank you for ensuring your child's delicate skin is protected by applying sunscreen before they come into pre-school. We re-apply after lunchtime for the children who attend all day. Please ensure that sunhats are named, to help avoid confusion.

Dates for Your Diaries:

Friday 16th June: Pyjamarama! Only for children who attend on a Friday.



Wear your favourite PJ's and donate to Book Trust (suggested donation £2.00)

Thursday 22nd June, Key Person Meetings: only for children going to school in September. We would like to encourage the parents of every child leaving pre-school in July to take this final opportunity to meet with your child's key person and Teacher to discuss your child's progress and their transition to school. Your child's record of Progress at Transition will be shared with you at this meeting, then you will be given a copy for your child's new school. (We will give you a copy in July, together with your child's Learning Journal, to keep.) Please make an appointment on the form in the entrance room.

If your child is returning to us in September, please collect your child's Learning Journal on their last session before the summer holiday, so that you can continue adding to their Learning Journal during the break. Please return it to us when your child returns to pre-school in September.

Friday 7th July: We will be holding an end of year Family Summer Disco, at Hersden Club 19.00 – 22.00. Everyone welcome – friends and family, look out for fliers and posters!!

Tuesday 18th July: Please remember that pre-school is CLOSED for an inset day.

We are planning a fun family day out, to which all pre-school families will be invited. Further information to follow, please save the date!

Holidays: Term 6 ends for the children on **Wednesday 19th July at 16.00** (Thursday 20th July is an inset day). Term 1 starts on **Monday 4th September at 8.45** (1st September is an inset day) We hope you all have a lovely summer and wish those moving on to primary school the very best of luck, we are sure that you will all do very well.

Term dates 2023 - 2024 will be attached to this email and are also available on our website.

Kind Regards

Isabel Harvey
Manager & Teacher