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Welcome Back

Well, the Spring Term went by in such a flash and Easter has been and gone! It's hard to believe that we are already in the start of the Summer Term (let's hope the summer weather comes to visit us as well).

We are very happy to welcome a number of new children and families to the group this term and it is lovely to see some of our sessions really filling up. The room has a real buzz to it! There are still spaces in all of our sessions, however, so if you are thinking of adding additional hours or know someone who is looking for a Pre-school then let us know (we now have a colourful new Welcome Pack, thanks to Ella Knight, that we would be happy to pass on).

What We've Been Up To...



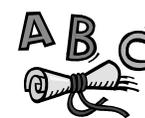
Before the Easter break we created a beautiful Easter Garden for the Church which was displayed in one of the windows.

We also read the Easter story and looked at the symbol of the cross.

We explored a theme of new life and tried to look for signs of Spring amongst the snow and frost! The weather made it quite tricky as everything has



bloomed so late this year but we managed to find some lambs, flowers and went on an animal hide and seek walk (searching for pictures of native British animals that had been hidden in the village).



We also looked at the letters W, S, T and L as part of the Letters and Sounds programme as well as continuing to visit the mobile library and taking part in World Book Day.

Once again, we were visited by the photographer who took some good portraits of our little ones. Hopefully, you all had the chance to look at the results and purchased any that you wished to keep.



Thanks go to George Dickson for lending us his kilt suit whilst we explored Scotland and Burns Night. The children were quite fascinated by all the different elements which made up the traditional Scottish dress and also enjoyed sampling the Scottish Tablet that had been made.

We have been busy, as usual, baking and tasting food. Pancakes were sticky and for St. David's Day, we baked cheese and leek scones which went really well. Valentine's Day saw truffles being rolled and Chinese New Year involved tasting noodles and lychees.





Notes

Pre-existing injuries /

conditions: - We would like to remind parents and carers that OFSTED asks us to record any bumps and bruises or illnesses that a child comes to each session with. Please could you notify one of the members of staff on duty at the beginning of each day if your child has taken a tumble or has been feeling unwell. This allows us to keep an extra eye on their wellbeing during the day and tailor the session to meet their needs.



Term Dates and Openings

The last session of the first Summer Half-term will be on Friday 24th May. We will return after the Half-term (Whit Week) holiday on Monday 3rd June. Just a reminder, however, that we will also be closed on Monday 6th May (Spring Bank Holiday).



BookStart

We have received and are starting to give out the BookStart packs to this year's school leavers. If you haven't had yours yet then please let us know.



Finally

At the end of the Summer-Term we will be losing a large proportion of our committee when parents' children move on to school. If there is anyone who would like to join us on the committee then please speak to Jackie. If we have no committee we, unfortunately, have no Playgroup.

Again, thanks go to those who supported us and especially to our baking sisters who whipped up a real storm in their kitchens. Remember that we still have copies of Roly's Recipes on sale for any budding Nigellas or Hughs you may wish to inspire (just ask Jackie or a member of staff).



We are also ecstatic with the response to our sponsored "Scavenger Hunt" to raise money for some new waterproof suits to help the children enjoy the outdoors whatever the weather. They are now on order after you raised an amazing £229.10 Thank you to everyone involved.



In June we are hoping to organise a night for the adults. We are pretty sure that BYOB and hot food will feature but are unsure of a final format yet so we will keep you posted. In the pipeline as a possibility is a Frog Racing Night which sounds hilariously intriguing (watch out Hadnall pond???)!!).



Coming Soon...

In the next few days / weeks we will be exploring, among many other things,

British Wildlife; Planting and Sowing; Mini Beasts; Flowers and Plants; The Weather; St George's Day

Our Web-Site

Check out our Web-site at www.hadnallpreschool.org.uk



Holly has been busy digging over our garden area on the car park and the children have been planting up pots of seeds ready to transplant when the frosts finish. Soon we should have sweetcorn, tomatoes, peas, sunflowers and many other tasty / beautiful plants blowing in the breeze.



Fundraising

We are going to hold a Jumble Sale on Saturday the 11th May in the Village Hall at 10am to help give a much needed boost to the Playgroup coffers. Any donations of "pre-loved" items (books, clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, plants etc...) would be gratefully received and can be dropped off at Playgroup on the Friday morning. Equally, if anyone has a bit of time to help us set up or to run a stall please let Jackie or Sally know or just spread the word amongst your friends and family and join us on the day to see if you can bag a bargain or two.



The Easter Fair and Table Top sale held on March 16th was a success, raising £350 which has helped towards paying some of our standard yearly costs such as the insurance. Thank you to everyone who supported us.



As a last minute idea we also joined Hadnall School's Farmer's Market and managed to raise £51.80 from selling goodies from Roly's Recipe book.