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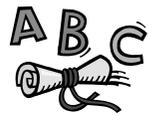


Newsletter ~ July 2013



Time really has flown and here we are ... our last newsletter for this academic year!

What We've Been Up To...



We have continued working with our Letters and Sounds and, alongside other letters, have focussed upon the letter P for policeman. We have also made good use of the library van and picked a number of stories that we can share together or on our own during quiet reading time.

We have, as ever, also been baking and making and have created hedgehog cakes, a trifle and butterfly sun catchers amongst other things.



We have also been trying different fruits on Funky Fruit Friday and have tried Sharon Fruit, Pomegranate and other slightly more exotic fruits.

Summer may not have been here in full force at the start of the session yet we looked at Summer and typical features of the season. Among other things, we sorted clothes into those we would wear in Winter and those we would wear in Summer. It seems we have finally been rewarded and have the sunshine to test out our shorts and shades and show the children that we really don't need thick jumpers all year round!!



We have also investigated the Post Office and postal services. We have talked about where we live, looked at heavier and lighter / bigger and smaller parcels, posted letters through the correctly numbered doors to test our maths skills and have designed and made our own postcards to send home.

As part of the transition to school, we have been looking at schools and moving to a new school. We had been invited to join Hadnall School on a picnic but, unfortunately, the event is taking place on a Tuesday when Pre-school is closed.



We have been making good use of the play area on the Village Green and our area at the top of the car park for outdoor play. Our garden is coming along nicely and we have added some logs and stones to encourage more mini beasts to the area as well as planting wild flower seeds. We have also enjoyed exploring and been for walks around the local area to see what we can find.



People Who Help Us

We have been extremely lucky to have been visited recently by a number of people who showed us how their jobs help us and the community around us.

We started off with a visit from Emily and her team from the new





dental surgery at Sansaw. We learnt all about how dentists care for our teeth and Roly was very pleased to learn that carrots are a good snack to have that won't damage his gnashers (Emily was very pleased to see that Roly has a toothbrush in his overnight bag).

Next was a visit from the Police and a police car. We found out all about how the Police keep us safe.



Then we were joined by the We children from Crackerjacks for a visit from the Fire Brigade. The children were shown all around the fire engine and how the hoses unrolled. Our new friends from Crackerjacks also stayed for a snack and it was lovely to share our time with them.

Following the theme of the Fire Brigade, we took the children through a mock Fire Drill so that they would know what to do if there ever was an emergency situation. They all behaved impeccably and we were intrigued at going through a different door and out past the car workshop. We enjoyed the rest of the afternoon exploring outside.

Finally, we were visited by Edd and Bev from West Midlands Ambulance Service. The children set off the sirens, sat on the stretchers, used the air cushions and were shown how to bandage. They also looked again at when and why we phone 999.



Needless to say, the children enjoyed every visit and the dolls / animals / Roly have been bandaged, rescued, arrested and squirted with hoses ever since. Thank you to so much to all the dads and people involved in helping to organise the visits so quickly.

If anyone has any connections that we could use for organising trips next year, just let us know. We may struggle to organise a visit from a Coastguard but we'd love to explore more professions / services.



Fundraising

We have been extremely grateful to receive a number of generous donations recently and our thanks go out to all involved.

We were very honoured to be invited to the re-opening of the Post Office at Hadnall Village Stores following the campaign to get it re-instated there. The older children went along to see the ribbon being cut and posted letters that they had written at Pre-school. Hamesh and Susan made it an even more special occasion by donating the proceeds from the raffle they organised. We have since bought our very own wooden village shop and an additional picnic bench for when we have snacks outside.



Our Frog Racing Night, held in June, raised an outstanding £517 and, we hope, a good night was had by all.



We have recently submitted an application for a grant from Tesco which, if successful, we hope to use to further develop the area at the top of the car park for more outdoor play opportunities. Let's hope we are successful.



Notes

Please can we ask parents to let us know as soon as possible which sessions they would like their children to attend in the Autumn Term e.g. if there are any different days, additional hours or funding changes.

Term Dates and Openings



We will finish for the Summer holidays on the 19th July and will return for the New Year on Wednesday 4th September.



Finally

At the end of the Summer-Term we will hold a celebratory Teddy Bear's picnic party on Friday 19th. Remember to BYOB (bear that is!) ... a party food list will be put up on Friday 12th if parents / carers could indicate what they may bring along.

Good luck to all the children moving up to "Big" school in September. You will have lots of fun and many successes - just remember us when you are rich and famous!

September will be around very quickly and we hope to welcome a number of new faces. Have a wonderful holiday, keep safe and we will see you soon.