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**Newsletter ~
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Welcome Back...

Wow! Summer has been and gone and here we are starting another academic year. Here's hoping everyone enjoyed the break and, most unusually, the sun.

A big hello and a warm, warm welcome to all our new children and their families. It is lovely to get to know a new group and find out all about each other. Roly Rabbit is really looking forward to saying hi and finding out what you like to do best (and if you have a good supply of carrots at your house!). Let's hope our numbers continue to grow throughout the year and we can really fill up our picture board.

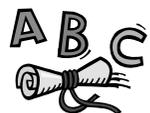


Also, a huge welcome back to our "more established" children - we cannot believe how much you have all grown and developed over the holidays! We are looking forward to all our adventures over the next year.



Still in our thoughts are our leavers - we hope you are settling into your new classes and enjoying life at "big school".

What We've Been Up To...



We have already launched straight into a busy program of activities. We are working with

our Letters and Sounds and have created some pictures using the sounds that start our names - Eggs, Bears, Rabbits, Chocolate, Aeroplanes and many other objects have been linked which share the same phonetics.

We are also looking at the letter P again and linking it, this time, to Pirates, parrots, patches and peg legs. We are also hoping to go on a picture treasure hunt around the local area to see what we can find (yey to the early appearance of Christmas staples such as chocolate coins!).



We have been out and about exploring and playing on the park and with our outdoor equipment. It has been good to see how our garden has blossomed over the summer and what it has produced. We have tried some of our tomatoes at snack time and are waiting for the sweetcorn to develop fully.



We have been exploring our numbers and have made a creature number line using our thumb prints and counting / matching sets of animals. We have also looked at shape and how we can

match objects together according to size, shape or colour.

Coming Up...

We should be joining Hadnall School for their Harvest Festival and are starting to think about the song we would like to sing. We are also looking to investigate Harvest, farming and food - tractors may also play a small part!



We have already begun to walk around the local area and explore how things are changing. I am sure there will be many more opportunities for conker picking too.



As the darker days approach, we will look a little at Autumn and Winter - the weather and how we / animals adapt ourselves (clothes / hibernation). We are also hoping to explore festivals such as Diwali (Divali) and how light plays a large part in their celebration.

It is an exciting time with Halloween, Bonfire and Christmas on the cards too.

We are considering, as part of an exploration of "the dark", creating a sensory / light / dark room for a short while. If anyone has any interesting light features (fibre optics, star projectors, lamps, glow in the dark items etc...) that we could borrow to make this as exciting as possible we would be very grateful.



Term Dates and Openings

We will finish for the Half-term with our last session on Thursday 24th October (Friday 25th being a scheduled PD day with Shropshire Council). We will then return for the second half of the Autumn Term on Monday 4th of November.

AGM

We are holding our AGM in the Playgroup room on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm. All parents, carers or anybody with an interest in the Playgroup are more than welcome to come along and join us (we will provide tea and coffee and maybe even a cheeky glass of something a tad stronger!). This will be followed by a committee meeting. If you are interested in joining our committee then speak to Jackie or Sally or just come along on the 22nd and put your name forward - we are always looking for more people to join us. It is a great way to have your say and help us to develop our pre-school even further.



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Scheme

Funding from central government has been allocated to provide free childcare for two year olds. Your child may be entitled for up to 15 hours per week of free childcare, commencing the term after their second birthday providing they meet

certain criteria. There is a link on our webpage to further information about this scheme or speak to a member of staff if you think this may be of help to you or someone you know.



Fundraising

We have booked the hall for the 19th October for a rummage sale which will run from 11am - 1pm. If you can help out on the day or with donations of items please let us know. Also, let as many people as possible know so that we can gather a really good crowd to share in the bargains and cake on offer. We should then be visited by RagTex in December to take away any left-overs and top up the penny pot.

On the 23rd November we will be holding our Christmas Fair, again in the Village Hall. Santa will be there to say hello along with a number of stalls.

In the New Year, we are hoping to hold another Frog Race Night - a great way to spice up those final winter months and get the joint hopping! Date to be announced.



Notes

Please can you ensure that Sally has up to date contact details (telephone numbers etc...) / information for your child.



Finally

Keep an eye on our website for more information.