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Hello, Goodbye

The end of the school year is fast approaching ... unbelievable but true! It's that time where we have to wave goodbye and good luck to those who are moving on to pastures new. You are all amazing and we are certain that you will excel in everything that you do.

We are holding an open afternoon next Wednesday, 9th July, for children who are, or will be 2 or over in September (see posters in the Village Hall for more details). If you know of anyone who is looking for friendly, quality childcare then encourage them to come along and see what we can offer.

We can also offer help with accessing funding through Shropshire Council's 24U scheme.

Training

Outside of the Playgroup, Emily has completed a First Aid course with the caravan park she works for and has refreshed her skills.



What We've Been Up To...

We have been exceptionally busy and done an amazing array of things over the last few weeks (below is just a snippet).

We have spent a while exploring insects as part of National Insect Week and have planned our activities using some of the

feedback you have given us on the star board and our usual observations of the things the children are interested in.



We have baked ladybird cakes, cheese dinosaurs and gingerbread men.

We have made cards and drinks mats for Fathers' Day.

We have looked at letters and sounds, including j for jelly, s for sand and c for caterpillar. We have also sung the alphabet song a number of times to familiarise children with the letter names. There have been many walks around the local area to explore the way in which the countryside is changing as summer develops. We have taken photographs, lifted rocks to find wildlife and spotted trains.



We have played inside and outside on our larger equipment and have had picnic snacks outside to make the most of the sunshine.

We have explored our collection of big books and read the Very Hungry Caterpillar and acted out the Gingerbread Man using puppets.

We have also looked at the big atlas and built the world using Emily's jigsaw map. Remember to check out our website for regular updates about our activities.



Coming Up...

We will be having our end of term party on Friday 18th July (all are welcome but please let us know in

advance if your child will be attending and it is not their usual day so we can adjust staffing as necessary). The sessions will run to normal times.



Exotic Zoo will visit with a selection of creatures to show the children. Can all children bring a toy animal of their choice to join them in the

experience?

There is no need to bring a lunch box on this day but we would appreciate it if they could bring something to share for the party lunch (a list will go up on the Playgroup board nearer the time).

Term Dates and Openings



We will finish for the summer on Friday 18th July and will return for the new school year and Autumn term on Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

Fundraising



Thank you to everyone for their help with the Frog Race Night on 16th May (seems a long time ago now). There was some yummy food, fantastic raffle prizes and lots of fun had by all. We raised a good amount and all profits will be used to buy essential items for the Pre-school.



Our New Shed

Our new shed has been delivered and, although a few issues may need ironing out, this should allow us to store even more equipment for outdoor play. It is bigger and should

allow for shelving / racking to be installed in order to make better use of the space. We are still hoping to sell the old shed to part fund the new purchase and are just waiting to be able to swap over the contents. Thank you to everyone who has helped level the ground, lay slabs etc... it is greatly appreciated.

Survey Results

Jackie and Sally have reviewed the responses to the parental survey that was sent out earlier this year... "Thank you to all the parents who completed our parent questionnaire earlier this year. We passed out 15 questionnaires and had 47% returned. There were some excellent results and positive helpful comments given. The biggest number of returns was in the age 3-4 years group and from those who had been coming to preschool for more than a year but less than 2. As a result of having reviewed all the results we have come up with a set of actions which will be displayed at preschool. Some of these include enhancing the welcome pack through continual review; make the key person system more visible; putting a board downstairs to tell parents more about our daily activities; adding the testimonials to our website and continue to post information. The questionnaire will be an annual exercise, however we always welcome verbal or written feedback or suggestions on improvements from parents at anytime."



Notes

There are still places available on the Pre-school committee. If anyone is interested in helping us to run our group, or has ideas which they would like to share to enable us to take Playgroup from strength to strength then speak to Sally or Jackie for more details.

Finally

Thank for all your help and support over the past year and into the future. It is a pleasure to work with you all (young and old alike).

