



NEWSLETTER

June 2024

....And just like that, we're in the last half of our final term! Where has that time gone? We have had such a fantastic school year so far and have got lots of fun planned for the last 7 weeks of it too ...we can't wait!

Last half term we looked at "Gardening and Healthy Eating", "Pets and Animals" and ended the half term with "Under the sea - water, water everywhere". We were so lucky to have had so many fantastic visitors bringing their lovely pets in to see us. Thank you to those of you who had time to come and bring your precious pets in, the children (and staff!) loved them all. We were thrilled to have had Zoe from the RSPCA in with her tortoises and Chihuahua. She was lovely enough to send us the following message "Thanks for inviting us, we loved it! I've been to lots of preschools but yours was the sweetest with the nicest children."and we agree with that! We were so proud of how polite, kind, and gentle all the children were with the animals.

This term we will start with the theme "Around the world" where we will be looking at different cultures and trying new food for snack. We will then have 3 weeks of our "Music and Arts Festival" and end the term with 2 weeks of "Getting ready for school". We are so excited about our festival and have lots of fun activities planned with people coming in to hold workshops and show us their musical talents too. We are still after more musicians willing to come and play for us so, please if you know of anyone, shout and let us know! We have sent out a letter to you all with more details on this. As written in the letter, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 (or more if you are able!) per child to help us fund this event. I'm sure you'll all agree, the children will all be getting an amazing experience for this! Please let us know if you have used to QR code on the letter to pay.

We also welcome Arthur, Ted and Isaac this half term. They have certainly chosen a great time to start, and we can't wait to welcome them!

We are holding our AGM on Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm. This will be held at Preschool so gives you a great opportunity to have a look around and meet other parents. As a charity preschool we are run by a management committee who volunteer their time to attend occasional meetings and help plan and organise fundraising events. Without a committee our wonderful preschool would not be able to run so please come along and show us your support! Tea and cake provided!

Please don't forget "Bags 2 School". Bags are being collected on Thursday 20th June at 9am so any bags need to be dropped off before then.

This half term we will also be holding our parent meetings, sports day and.....leavers graduation! More information on dates and times will be sent out asap.

Diary Dates

Start of second half of term: Monday 3rd June

School leavers sessions at school start every Wednesday at 1.40pm from Wednesday 12th June.

AGM: Tuesday 11th June 7.30pm

Bags 2 School: Thursday 20th 9am (at the latest).

Summer Fayre: Saturday 29th June 12-3pm

End of Term: Friday 19th July

PD Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Start of Term: Wednesday 4th September

If you would like to find out about further help and support the Parenting Team offer please email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on 01743 250950 All our services are free of charge to Shropshire Council residents.



PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available

Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm

and

Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm

You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling **01743 250950**

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to help and support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around your child's development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate on Bank Holidays)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021

Playtime with Books

A new, FREE programme in Shropshire, supporting parents to explore books with their 10-24 month old children in a fun & playful way!



Here's what we offer

5 online learning sessions that you can watch when it suits you

4 free books to keep, sent to your home

3 1-to-1 videos calls with a facilitator, who can support you throughout

What do other parents think?



"It helped me to build on the good techniques I was already trying and gave me some new ideas about how to share books with my child!"

Mum of 1 year old

"This program has really helped us learn to enjoy books together on a deeper level. We feel more connected!"

Dad of 2 year old

"Amazing. For me and for my little one. We grew and we learned a lot together whilst on the programme"

Mum of 2 year old

Scan the QR code or click the link to sign up by July 2024. Limited spaces available.



If you have any questions, please call 07514655942 or email playtimewithbooks@educ.cam.ac.uk

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EXPAND ON LANGUAGE



REPEAT AND BUILD SENTENCES - RECASTING



TALK ABOUT PAST AND FUTURE - DECONTEXTUALISING



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HM Government

The Road To School

This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.

- ### Speaking & literacy
- I like to read stories & look at picture books
 - I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
 - I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

- ### Listening & understanding
- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
 - I can follow instructions
 - I understand the need to follow rules

- ### Writing skills
- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
 - I enjoy making marks
 - I am practising holding a pencil

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I like playing games with others
- I like interacting with other children

Everyone starts school with different abilities - your teacher will help you progress at your own level.

- ### Interest in the world & new activities
- I enjoy learning about the world around me
 - I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
 - I like asking questions

- ### Counting skills
- I enjoy practising counting objects
 - I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
 - I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

- ### Going to the toilet
- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
 - I can wash and dry my hands without any help

What are you looking forward to the most?
Is there anything you're unsure of?

- ### Routines
- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
 - I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
 - I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days

- ### Eating
- I can use a knife & fork
 - I can open my packed lunch on my own
 - I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

- ### Self-care
- I know when to wash my hands
 - I can wipe my nose
 - I can ask for help if I don't feel well

- ### Getting dressed & undressed on my own
- I can button & unbutton my shirt & use a zip
 - I can put my own shoes & socks on
 - I can change into my PE kit & put my coat on

- ### Independence
- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
 - I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
 - I am feeling confident about starting school

School bus