



Newsletter

Term 5



All our new children that joined us in Term 5 settled in brilliantly! They have spent lots of time exploring the setting, getting to know everyone and learning our pre-school rules and routines.

During Term 5 we spent our time learning about life cycles of plants and planted some seeds in our preschool garden. We had some visitors to the preschool of some tadpoles and caterpillars and the children enjoyed looking at how they changed every day that we had them before they were released.



Lots of lovely stories were shared with the children and “Jack and the Beanstalk” was one of the favourites. We also spent some time learning about mini-beasts and the children learned about lots of different insects whilst carrying out bug hunts in the big school field, which was very exciting.

We have enjoyed our dance lessons with Miss Lucy and the children loved learning to express themselves through dance. There was lots of cookery lessons too, from savoury muffins to fruit kebabs, which were all very yummy.



During the Family Week, we held a ‘show-and-tell’ where the children talked about their families through photos that were sent in and the children engaged in craft activities related to that theme.



Our annual Bikeathon this year was a great success! We were ‘Pedalling for the Pod’. Thank you to everyone who helped at the event and came along to support the children. The children who couldn’t make the day didn’t miss out either, as we held a mini Bikeathon the following week in the preschool and the photos were posted on their Tapestry.

Term 6

This term we will be focusing on the themes related to the summer, sea and sea animals. We will spend lots of time getting the older children ready for the transition to school.



We will also be preparing ourselves for the two main events left – Sports Day on the 11th of June and the Summer Concert and the Leavers Ceremony on the 6th of July.

Working with parents:

Parent/Key Person Meetings

Our parent and key person meetings were a great success! Thank you to all who found time to meet with us and discuss your children's progress and learning. If you still haven't had a chance to meet with your child's key person, please let us know and we will arrange it.

Woodland Walks

Our weekly Woodland Walks require higher adult: child ratios so we are looking for parents to come along and help us to supervise children. If you can help, please let us know. The sign-up sheet will be on the white board by the entrance door.

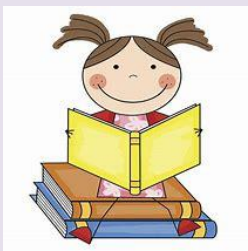


Summer Concert Practice

We will also be taking daily trips to the church to practice our Summer concert from Friday 28th June and we do really need lots of helpers to be able to do this so, if you can spare some time, we would really be grateful.



Story book bags



Last term the children enjoyed taking story books home in our key group book bags and sharing them at home with their parents. Thank you for giving us the feedback on the different stories you shared with your child at bedtime by filling in the reading diary. It helps us a lot to find out which stories are popular.

Just a gentle reminder, when is your turn to take a book bag home, please make sure that you bring it back to your child's next session so that we can send it home with another child. We would like everyone to have the opportunity to take preschool books home and enjoy story times with their parents. Two book bags still didn't come back after half term so, please, remember to return them as soon as possible.

Flower Festival:

Our preschool took part in the Flower Festival yesterday, the 8th June, at South Moreton Church by exhibiting our children's painting on the theme of spring flowers. We are happy to share that the event was very successful and that we got many very positive comments on the quality of our children's work.



Staff update:

At the end of this term, our practitioner and the Caterpillars group key worker Sonia Fung will sadly be leaving us to start her new teaching position at Bradfield College.

In the light of these changes, we have started looking for a new member of staff and a new key worker for our little Caterpillars. We will keep you informed.

We wish Sonia well in all she achieves in the future. She will be sorely missed by us all, especially the children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sonia for being a part of our preschool family this school year.

Management committee:

Our next management committee meeting will be held on the Thursday 27th of June at 8 pm via Microsoft Teams. All parents are welcome. Please let us know if you would like to attend the meeting so that we can send you an invite.

Reminders

Invoices

Please check the payment due dates for our Term 6 invoice and pay as soon as possible if you haven't already.

Lunch Boxes



Can we, please, remind you about our Healthy Eating Policy in pre-school. If you are sending in a lunch box for your child, this should not contain sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. We have a 'No Nut' Policy in the pre-school so, please, no food that contains nuts. If you are sending in grapes or cherry tomatoes with your child, please cut them in half to avoid choking.

Children's Toys

We provide a wide variety of toys at the pre-school so, to prevent tears, can we please ask you to refrain from letting your children bring their own toys in. We cannot guarantee that they will not get lost or broken. The exceptions are comforting toys for the new starters or the youngest children in the group.

Children's Clothes

Please send your children in with weather appropriate clothes, plus plenty of spare clothes just in case there are any mishaps, or your child gets wet or dirty from the outside play area. Can we, please, also ask parents to make sure that they have their child's name clearly labelled on all items of clothing and shoes too! You would be surprised at how many of the same shoes we have!

Preschool Hoodies, Jumpers & T-Shirts



Pre-school hoodies, jumpers and t-shirts are on sale. If you would like to purchase them, please feel free to contact a member of staff. They cost £18 for the hoodie, £16 for the jumper and £11 for the t-shirt.

Water bottles and suncream

Lately we have lots of water bottles brought to preschool alongside the children's lunchboxes without the names written on. If your child's water bottle is not in their lunchboxes, please label them clearly so that we know who they belong to.



With the hot weather approaching, we will need to apply suncream on the children at lunchtime to keep them protected. If you still haven't brought your child's suncream to preschool, please do so as soon as possible. The suncream bottles also need to be clearly labelled.

Dates for your Diary:

June

Monday 3rd

Start of Term 6

Tuesday 11th

Sports Day, 9.30am

Thursday 27th

Committee Meeting

July

Saturday 6th

Summer Production & Leavers Ceremony,
South Moreton Church, 10am

Friday 19th

End of Term 6



Message from the Fundraising Team

We are a charity run pre-school and all proceeds from our fundraising events go straight back into your child's pre-school. The only other money that the pre-school receives is from your session fees, which is not enough to keep the pre-school refreshed and up to date. If you would like to help, or would like to share your ideas, please contact a member of the pre-school team and we can add you to the Fundraising WhatsApp Group. [New members are very welcome, the more help and ideas we have the more money we can raise!](#)

Update on Money Raised:

- Valentines Cake Sale & Dress Up Week - £95.00
- Easter Raffle & Easter Bonnet Parade - £405.50



Bikeathon – ‘Pedal for the Pod’ & Fun Day



Thank you to all of our families who came on the day and supported their children and our event. It was a fabulous day and all the children did so well. Lots of fun was had taking part in the Bikeathon and there were lots of happy children taking part in our fun and games afterwards and going home being very proud of their tattoos and prizes. We also held a mini Bikeathon in the preschool the week after so that all children could take part so no one had to miss out. We raised an amazing **£1,022.00** so this will really help going towards raising money for our Office Pod. Thank you to everyone that helped on the day to make the event so successful.

Upcoming Events

Euro Sweepstake

With the Euro's starting soon, we wanted to have some fun and have a sweepstake. Its £7 to take part and the winner receives £50!, with the rest of the proceeds going to the preschool.



Sports Day – Tuesday 11th June at 9.30am



We can't wait for you to see your children at our annual Sports Day. It's always so much fun. The children will have been practicing hard, so please do come along and support them as they love to be cheered on from the sidelines.

Summer Concert & Leavers Ceremony – Saturday 6th July at 10am

Our summer concert is being held at South Moreton Church on Saturday 6th July and the children will start learning the songs soon.



There will be a £2 ticket donation on the door. We will also be selling teas, coffees, soft drinks and cookies on the day so, please, do bring along your pennies to support our preschool. At the end of the concert, we will be getting out our tissues and saying goodbye to our preschool leavers, which is always an emotional event. You are all welcome to stay and cheer them on their way to their next adventures at Big School.