



Shurdington Pre-School

Hello Everyone! Welcome back to Term 6 - We can't believe how quickly last term flew by and that we are now in our last mini term of this School Year. There is an awful lot planned over the next few months so please make a note of the dates listed here and also check the blackboard/your emails/Facebook for regular reminders of events.

PLANNED EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2019 - MERRY & BRIGHT

The lovely men and women who attend the Merry & Bright Coffee Mornings for the elderly invited our Pre-Schoolers to join them for a spot of reading of classic fairy tales this week on Tuesday. The children had a lovely time sharing stories and giggles and talking about the books they had read.

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019 - SUPA STRIKERS SESSION

Butterfly children are to be dropped off as normal. The session will be run during Pre-School from 11am to 12pm.

MONDAY 10 JUNE 2019

SHURDINGTON PRIMARY - PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening for any parents of children moving up to Shurdington Primary School in September 2019. Start time is 6pm prompt at Shurdington Primary School.

TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019

GREATFIELD PARK - NEW PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening for any parents of children moving up to Greatfield Park Primary School in September 2019. Start time is 6pm prompt at Greatfield Park Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019

SHURDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL - PARENTS EVENING

All parents of children who will be starting School in September 2019, are invited to attend this Parents Evening at Beauty and the Tea Cup at 7:30pm prompt. The evening will be run by Helen Ryder of Hope Parenting in conjunction with Tess and Dot from Pre-School and the Reception Teacher from Shurdington Primary School. The evening will give you an opportunity to ask any questions you might have relating to your child's transition up to School and we will be looking at ways you can further enhance your child's school readiness over the Summer Holiday. There is no charge for the workshop but donations are welcome.

FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2019 - FATHERS DAY SUPA STRIKERS

Daddies/Special someones to arrive at Pre-School for 10:15am for teas, coffees and delicious bacon or cheese baps before a fun and energetic Supa Strikers Session with Simon in the garden. Please ensure children are wearing hats and sunscreen when you drop them off first thing and please send PE Kits in with them on this day.

17, 19 and 25 JUNE 2019

LECKHAMPTON PRIMARY - SCHOOL VISITS

These are the school visit dates for any children who will be moving up to Leckhampton Primary School in September 2019.

THURSDAY 20 June 2019 -LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPHS

Please bring your children in as usual and we will arrange for your child's photograph to be taken during the Pre-School Morning.

MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019 - INSET DAY

Please note that on Monday 24 June 2019 Pre-School will be closed for our Moderation Day (reviewing of all paperwork and ensuring it is up to date as well as finalising all the paperwork needed for children who are going to School). This is, therefore, an **INSET DAY** and the children are not in Pre-School until Tuesday 25 June 2019.

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019 - MUD DAY

Today we celebrate **International Mud Day** and we ask that you please send your children into Pre-School with clothes that you don't mind them getting dirty and a couple of spare sets of clothes if you can. On this, our most favourite day of the year, we love to get mucky!!

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019 - SUPA STRIKERS SESSION

Children to be dropped off as normal. The session will be run during Pre-School from 11am to 12pm. Please remember to send your child in with a PE Kit on this day.



WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019 - WATER PLAY FUN DAY

Please send your children in to Pre-School with a cozzie and towel in a separate bag and make sure they are wearing hats and sunscreen when they are dropped off. The fire engine will be visiting us and the children will have lots of fun playing in the water and learning to use the hose.

Friday 5 July 2019 - Shurdington School VISIT 1

For children who are going to Shurdington School in September 2019 only. Please drop them off at **Shurdington School at 9:05am** on 5 July where Penny and I will be waiting for them. They will spend the morning getting to know their new teachers and familiarising themselves with School until Lynn and Kelly come over to the School with the other Pre-Schoolers for our Hot Lunch. Please collect children from Pre-School at their usual finish time. **Any children who are moving on to different schools will not be attending the Shurdington School Visit but we will still be here to welcome them into Pre-School.**

FRIDAY 5 JULY 2018 - HOT SCHOOL LUNCH

A hot school lunch will be provided at Shurdington School for all of the Butterflies irrespective of whether they are attending Shurdington School in September 2019 or not. Kelly and Lynn will be walking these children down to School for lunch with their friends.

THURSDAY 11 JULY 2019 - FAMILY FUN DAY and SUMMER PICNIC

We invite all parents and family of our Pre-School children to come along and join us for a picnic before we all break up for the Summer Holidays. Please put the date in your diaries as we expect all parents to attend. Please pack a picnic for your family and bring some sunshine too. We will have a bouncy castle on the day, bubbles, music, a cake sale and lots of fun activities. Parents to arrive for 12pm for lunch and the picnic will end at 2:30pm.

Friday 12 July 2019 - Shurdington School VISIT 2

For children who are going to Shurdington School in September 2019 only. Please drop them off at **Shurdington School at 9:05am** and we will bring them back to Pre-School at the end of the session.

MONDAY 22 JULY 2019

WHOLE PRE-SCHOOL TRIP TO DINKY STREET

This trip is for all of the children who attend Pre-School and their parents and you will receive a letter about this by the end of June. Each child must be accompanied by an adult and there are limited spaces available so as soon as you receive the letters please let us know if you would like to attend using the tear off slip at the bottom. The charge for attending the trip covers the cost of the coach as well as the cost of the entry to Dinky Street. The Cost for one adult and one child is 11.00.

THINGS TO NOTE THIS SUMMER:

SUNSCREEN AND HATS

As ever, we ask that you please ensure your child has sunscreen applied even on overcast days, as it can turn sunny by mid morning. It is easier for you to cream up 1 or 2 children than it is for us to do 30! We also do a group application at lunchtime

on very sunny days but we work on the assumption that they all arrive with sun cream on... Thank you for your support on this.

LUNCHBOXES

This is just a reminder that if your child brings food that requires cutlery (i.e. spoon for yoghurt/fork for pasta), please do send cutlery in with them as we do not have much spare cutlery to offer. Thank you.

FUNDING

If your child will be eligible for their 30 Hours in the Autumn Term (September 2019) please remember you will have to claim your funding code by **23 August 2019** and email this to us to enable us to claim your funding for you. Please pop this date in your diaries. Thanks.

"BIG NEWS"



Big Congratulations to Jade, Callum and Cesar who welcomed a beautiful little girl **Athena** into their family. We have loved our cuddles with Athena who is almost 9 weeks old and are thrilled to welcome her into our Pre-School family!!

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PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

The Open Day this year was a huge success thanks to the wonderful Staff, Committee, Parents and Children who all supported the event. We felt very proud showing off our beautiful setting and had so many lovely comments from both existing and prospective parents. We have had a lot of interest and are hoping that sessions for September will fill up fast. If you know of anyone who may be interested in a place at Pre-School please do let them know that we are signing up at the moment. If anyone would like an Information Pack to pass on to prospective parents you might know, please do let me know and I can arrange this for you.



As a fundraiser, we are thrilled to announce that the Open Day raised **£540** - the same as last year despite a lower turnout due to bad weather. Special thanks to Rachel Minchew for co-ordinating it all and making the event the huge success that it was.

“We Are Learning To” (WALT)

THIS TERM'S FOCUS - THE HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

This Term we are focusing on the story of The Hungry Caterpillar in both Caterpillars and Butterflies. This is a great topic for all of the children as it offers such a broad range of learning opportunities but, also, because it ties in beautifully with the many transitions we have ahead and with all of our little ones growing up (way too fast!).

In Caterpillars, we are exploring fruit and vegetables through taste, touch, smell, sight and by using them as a resource for painting and in role play. We are learning the story and introducing sequencing when we reflect on the story. The children have been using mixed media to create their own caterpillars and butterflies and their display is looking beautiful at the moment as it is covered in all their wonderful creations. As well as this we are learning to count and are using the story to help us to do this.

In Butterflies, we are extending our learning to incorporate growth and the children will be growing runner beans and cress.

In addition we are looking at life cycles, sequencing, symmetry and pattern, as well as using fruit and vegetables in a multitude of ways to engage in small world play, art and craft activities, tasting and cooking. We are also extending on this by looking at the story of Handa's surprise.

“MOVING ON UP”

WHEN CATERPILLARS BECOME BUTTERFLIES:

All our Caterpillars will be moving up to Butterflies in September and September sessions have now been allocated as requested.

In the coming weeks, the Caterpillars will have lots of opportunities to get to know the Butterfly Team a little better whilst exploring the Butterfly garden and their indoor space. To aid in the smooth transition we have had a completely freeflow setting every Tuesday since the beginning of last term and we have loved watching all our little Caterpillars exploring the environment and spending time with the older children.

Kelly, Sam and Flo are currently preparing their children's



Learning Journeys and Assessment Records ready to pass on to Dot, Penny and Lynn in September. Key Groups will be allocated once the children have settled so we can ensure that they are tailored to those special bonds that form in the first few weeks back.

WHEN BUTTERFLIES FLY:

In the meantime, Dot, Penny and Lynn are finalizing all of the Butterfly Transition Documents in preparation for our Moderation on 24 June 2018 and will be working hard to get all photos stuck into Journey Books so they can be up to date before the Summer Holidays. With this in mind, there are still



spaces on the Parent Rota which is on the Board for Term 6. If you haven't already done so please do sign up for your rota duties. This gives all our parents a lovely opportunity to

contribute to getting their children's Learning Journeys up to date by sticking in photos, Magic Moments, art and other information that is in your children's respective drawers. The children really value having parents in on rota too and, with all of the Butterflies going off to school soon, there are not many of these precious days left where you can come and spend time with your children on rota so please use this opportunity.

FRIDAY SPACES:

Finally, we do have a number of spaces available for our Pre-School Friday sessions from September 2019. These Friday sessions have historically been reserved for the older children and see us doing some of the more adventurous activities. For instance, trips to Crickley Hill, the Fruit Farm as well as special events and visitors who form part of the Pre-School Programme. Friday sessions are filling up fast so, if you have not already done so, and your child is going to be a Butterfly in September, please do sign your child up for these .

As you can see we are set for a super exciting Term ahead and we are so looking forward to sharing all these occasions with the children, their families and friends. Many thanks for your continued support. Your commitment goes a long way to making our Pre-School so incredible and we hope that it will continue.

We would just like to say, on behalf of all the Pre-School staff, that it has been a huge privilege watching your children grow into the confident, strong and very capable children that they have become and I am sure you will all agree that they should be extremely proud of themselves for what they have learned.

Your Pre-School Team