

Westborough Pre-School Summer Term



May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term despite the weather! A big thank you to everyone for coming and celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with us. It was lovely to see so many of you and I hope that you enjoyed carrying out the activities with your children. Hopefully you should be starting to see your sunflowers growing? We have a busy half term ahead of us so please find all of the details below.

Staffing

Ger will be leaving us at the end of the summer term, she has decided that she would like to pursue other interests. We would like to wish her all the best for the future and I would like to thank her for all of her hard work. Ger's key children will be taken over by another member of staff and you will be updated nearer the time as to who that will be.

Father's Day

We would like to invite all Daddy's and or Grandads to come and join us for a bacon/sausage sandwich to celebrate Father's Day on Friday 17th June straight after drop off. Invitations will follow soon.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will be held on Thursday 23rd June at 2pm at Stoughton recreation Ground. If your child doesn't attend Pre-School on a Thursday and you would like to join us please meet us at **Stoughton Pre-School at 1.45pm**. If your child attends Pre-School on a Thursday we will walk them to the rec. If any parents are able to join us to walk the children over please could you let me know. You will be able to take your child home when we are finished. If you are unable to make it, please can you let me know so that a member of staff can be with your child. If the weather is bad the afternoon will be cancelled.

School Leavers Graduation Ceremony

We will be holding a graduation ceremony for our school leavers on Friday 22nd July to which you are all warmly invited to attend at 2pm. We will be having a party lunch as part of the graduation party so your child will not need to bring lunch that day. **THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON SESSION FOR NON SCHOOL LEAVERS AND THEY WILL FINISH AT 12.00.** If your child is not a school leaver and they attend on a Friday afternoon you can swap this to the Wednesday afternoon session. If you would like to do this please can you let me know by Friday 1st July.

Topic

This half term our topic will be Summer. We will also be looking at songs and rhymes and school readiness. If any of you have any pictures of your children on holiday or doing an activity in the summer please could you send them in.

Fee Increase:

From September 2016 we will be raising the price of our hourly rate by 50p taking the full 3 hour session cost to £16.50. The Lunch Club will fee will also go up by 50p taking the cost to £3.50. Fees are set at a competitive level in order to maintain a sustainable and well equipped pre-school setting. Please note that children who are in receipt of FEET or FEE funding of 15 hours per week will not be affected – fees will only apply to children who attend more than the free 15 hours or if they are not yet eligible for funding.

September Spaces

As happens every year, a number of our children will be heading off to school in September. If your child is moving on or if you would like additional sessions for your child, let me know as soon as possible so I can make sure a place is reserved for them. If your child turns 3 before September, they will be entitled to 15 hours' free childcare so do let us know if you would like to increase attendance!

General notes/reminders

We have updated our consent forms so we will be asking all of you to re-sign them and bring them back in.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their questionnaires. Your feedback is very important and contributes to the ongoing success of the Pre-School. If you still have a questionnaire at home could you please return it as soon as possible. If you would like another please let me know.

We have trialled the change in the pick-up routine and we feel that this has been very successful and helped ease congestion, allowing the pick up to be smoother and quicker. It also allows you time to talk to your child's key person if you want to. If you have any feedback regarding this, please do let me know.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to a very busy and eventful half term!

Kind regards,

Ally Houghton

Westborough Pre-School Manager