



Pre-School Newsletter

The Sun has got his hat on hip hip hip hooray!!

I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely spring weather & welcome back to what I hope will be a warm & sunny summer term. We are trying to replace our sun canopies for our outside play area, in the meantime please do remember to apply appropriate sun protection to your child before coming into pre-school when the weather dictates. Legionnaire style hats will be available in Pre-School for all children to use when playing outside & a full copy of our Sun Protection Policy is available on our Parent's notice board. Our overall theme this half term is "Our World" & we shall be looking at different aspects of where we live & the wider world over the coming weeks

Mmm! That's interesting

We are always delighted to see items related to our weekly topics - named please. Due to the large number of children we have attending our sessions is not always possible for children to show their interest items on the day that they bring them in, we try to ensure that all children have the opportunity contribute and everyone will have a turn. Usually we have time for around 8 children to do their showing each day.

Let me tell you a story!

With the transition to school approaching for our older children we shall soon start our programme of weekly visits to the Reception class. Your child will soon receive their first Oxford Reading Tree reading book, which represent the first stage of the reading scheme that your child will be following in Cheddington School, & will be changed weekly for the remainder of the term. Further info will accompany your child's first book, but if you would like more advice on using these 'wordless' books with your

child, or extra activities please speak to me or any staff member.

Sounds & Numbers

During this term we shall also be introducing some basic phonic work with our older children. Consequently in addition to our weekly themes we shall also have a sound/letter & a number of the week, details of which will be posted in the window by the entrance door each week.

Appropriate Clothing

The children do love to run around & play games outside, or if possible visiting the school adventure trail or conservation area. Similarly we often use the large scale apparatus in the school hall for our PE sessions to practice to climbing, jumping, crawling & balancing. To enjoy this safely the children need to be appropriately dressed, so can I ask that skirts/dresses are kept to a sensible length, & with summer around the corner sandals/summer shoes are of a type that are not likely to fall off a child's foot - no 'Crocs' or 'Flip-

Flops' please. Also, children attending Wednesday and Friday sessions will require plimsolls for PE. We do have a large supply at school if you need.

Calling all Shoppers!

We are now registered to collect Sainsbury's Sports for Schools and Tesco Computers for Schools vouchers. A collection box will be available as you enter pre-school, or hand your vouchers to any staff member.

Choking Hazards!!

Many children enjoy bringing grapes as part of their lunch, however grapes if left whole pose a dangerous choking hazard to small children, and indeed there have been several tragic incidences where children have died as a result. Can you please ensure that if your child brings grapes for their snack or lunch that they are cut in half lengthways to avoid any risk.

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Newsletter Date
April 2010

Pre-School Themes:

w/c 21st April
The Environment

w/c 26th April
Other Lands

w/c 4th May
Our Village

w/c 10th May
The Ocean

w/c 17th May
Space

w/c 24th May
Science

Smile Please!

Tempest School Photographers will be coming into Pre-School on Thursday 29th April to take year group shots of all the pre-school children. Examples of last year's photographs will be displayed in our window over the coming weeks to give you an idea of the style of photograph to be taken. These make a wonderful & lasting memento of your child's time at pre-school, particularly for those children who will soon be leaving us to go to school. Full details of arrangements for the day will follow in due course, but make a note in your diaries.