

WEST HALLAM VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6 – SUMMER TERM 2 2019



This Term

We start this newsletter by thanking everybody who supported our Summer Fair which took place on Saturday 15th June. We raised an amazing £690.83. We would like to thank, all our Staff and Committee members, volunteers and parents. We are going to use the funds raised to develop our ICT equipment for the children.

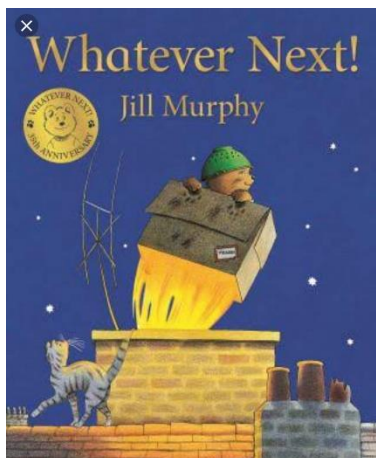
We hope everyone enjoyed seeing the pictures of our sponsored Sensory Walk. The children raised an amazing £546.50. We are looking forward to buying new toys and resources.

We value your support with our fundraising and hope that you can see the positive changes and developments we have made at Pre-School. We know that the children are really enjoying the new outdoor area.

Just before Father's Day we enjoyed a morning in Pre-School with our Daddies, Uncles, Grandads and some Mums. It was a lovely morning which was very well attended, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



For the rest of this term we will be looking at different types of transport, talking about holidays and importantly, 'staying safe in the sun'. We will be spending as much time as possible outside enjoying the weather, tending to our planters which are coming along nicely and taking part in all outdoor activities. We will also be celebrating 50 years of the Moon landing; by talking about Space and doing some Space themed activities.



We will be working very hard on our Well Dressing and our Scarecrow over the next few weeks. The children will be enjoying the 'Whatever Next' story by Jill Murphy which is about a Bear that flies to the Moon. The Bear will form the basis for our Scarecrow this year. We are very excited to base our Well Dressing on the Space topic and hope to create our very own Space Rocket. If you would like to donate any red, blue, yellow or green flowers for our Well Dressing we would appreciate it. Our Well Dressing will be located in its usual place on the ledge in front of the Old Post Office.

Our peer group children have had visits to their chosen schools to meet their new teachers and get to know their new surroundings before they start school in September.

During the final week of the term, we have our Leaver's Party. We will be very sad to see all our leavers go but would like to wish them lots of luck at school.

September Sessions

Confirmation letters are now being sent out for September. We have worked hard to accommodate everyone's wishes, once again our sessions are looking very busy.

Reminders

- Can we please ask that toys are not brought into Pre-School as we do not want them to get lost or broken and there is a risk for our younger due to any small parts. Comfort toys can be placed on a shelf once your child has settled.
- Please can we remind you to be punctual, where possible, in dropping off and collecting your children to avoid disruption to the sessions and unnecessary upset to the children. If you are going to be late in dropping off or collecting, please phone ahead if you are able to do so.

- As the weather becomes warmer, can we please ask parents to send their children to Pre-School in **named hats or caps, a t-shirt that covers their shoulders and apply sun cream before coming**, as we will be going outside whenever possible.
- If your child attends Pre-School all day please include a cool ice pack in your child's lunch box to keep their lunch cool during the morning, as we are unable to store food in our fridge. Could you please wrap the cool pack in kitchen foil, so that the rest of their lunch box does not become wet as it melts? Please could you also ensure that their lunch bag and any boxes or bottles are labelled as many children have the same. Thank you.
- Please could you make sure your child brings a change of clothes in a bag each time they are in Pre-School. They are playing with water daily and often get very wet! Although we have a stock of clothes at Pre-School we haven't always got enough or have them in the correct size and children are always happier in their own clothes.

Lost Property

We have a lost property box in the Welcome Room. We would like to clear this before the end of this term (19th July), please could you check to see if anything belongs to your child. Any unclaimed items will be either sent to charity or disposed of after this date.

Invoices/Pre-school fees

Please can we take this opportunity to remind everyone that the most secure way of paying your fees is by online banking, all the details you would need can be found at the bottom of the invoices. If this is not possible for you then a cheque made payable to West Hallam Village Preschool is the next most secure way. If your only way of payment is by cash, then please hand this to either **Sam or Sheane** and wait for them to write you a receipt. As we do not like to hold too much cash on the premises, we need to make sure that it is all accounted for. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Snacks

At snack time, we currently offer each child a choice of drink and 3-4 snacks, which always include healthy choices. Following parent questionnaires, we have increased the variety of snacks that we offer. We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per half term to support us in continuing to offer fresh, healthy snacks, this is proving a remarkable success. Thank you for your anticipated help!

Attendance

Following guidelines from the County Council, here are some requirements if your child is absent from Pre-School as follows:

1. If your child has a pre-arranged appointment, or you are going on holiday, please let a staff member know in advance.
2. If your child is ill, please ring Pre-School during their first missed session (or as soon as possible after), to let us know. We would remind you that children are required to be away from Pre-school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.
3. For any absence, due to holiday or illness, we are required to record the reason in writing, and you will be asked to sign a form upon your child's return.

Fee Increase

For our paying parents returning to us in September 2019 there will be a fee increase from £8.50 per session to £9.00 per session. Unfortunately, this is required due to rising costs and we hope you will find this acceptable, as we have not increased our session fees since 2015.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28 th June	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed
Tuesday 9 th July	Pre-School Sports Day 9.30am – 10.30 am
Tuesday 16 th July	Leaver's Day Presentation 2pm
Thursday 18 th July	Peer Group Leavers Party 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
Monday 22 nd July	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed
Tuesday 3 rd September	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed
Wednesday 4 th September	Term begins
Thursday 19 th September	Inset Day – Pre-School will be closed

From the Staff & Committee
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