

NEWSLETTER

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Summer is here!

*Believe it or not, this is the beginning of the Summer Term...
Let's hope it lives up to it's name this year!*



The summer term planning for the Year 1 children will be based on one of our favourite books - *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Activities have been planned around the story and cover all seven Areas of Learning - Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; and Expressive Arts and Design.

The Year 2 children will be concentrating on 'All About Me' which also covers the seven Areas of Learning. This is the important transition term for Year 2s, and will include visits to their respective Primary Schools and lots of work building up to this exciting change, culminating in a Leaving Show on their last day at Preschool, which we hope you will all attend (bring your tissues!).



Our family summer trip will be to Hesketh Farm Park on Friday 12 July 2013. This will be a whole day out for both Year 1 and Year 2 children and their families. The cost of the trip will be:

Children - £6.00

Adults - £5.00

The price includes a tractor trailer ride around the farm (weather permitting!).

More information will be published nearer to the date, but you are welcome to book your place now with any member of staff. Please let us know if you would be able to offer a lift to anyone who doesn't have their own transport.

This is always a great day out and we would love to see as many families as possible there.

PE Sessions

In order to prepare the Year 2 children for Primary School, we ask that each child brings in a PE kit consisting of shorts, a t-shirt and a pair of pumps, all named, in a bag which is also named. You don't have to buy new kit, anything will do, but you may wish to use the PE kit for their Primary School so that they are familiar with it when they go. These kits will be kept at Preschool and the children will be encouraged to get themselves changed for PE sessions.

Mud, Glorious Mud!

During this Summer Term we intend to be outdoors as much as possible, playing in the garden, digging, planting, making mud pies, and generally getting quite dirty. Please send your child to Preschool in their 'playing out clothes' so that you don't get upset if they come home covered in mud! Also, sensible footwear for outdoor play is essential to allow your child to join in every activity. Thank You!

Gardening



On Monday 22nd April we would like to invite parents and carers to take part in a gardening activity alongside the children. We have a professional gardener visiting us on that day and hope to be working on our willow house, the planters and the strawberry tubs. If you would like to take part we would be very grateful for the help!



Important Information about our Village Hall

There is an exciting project in the pipeline to build a new community Village Hall in Cullingworth. The Village Hall Committee are holding their AGM on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm, and would like to invite all those interested in supporting this venture. It is hoped that a representative cross-section of the community will be involved in getting this fantastic scheme up and running. Please remember it is *YOUR VILLAGE, YOUR COMMUNITY SPACE* and *YOUR VILLAGE HALL*. Why not come along and help to get things started?

Snack Money

May we please remind all parents/carers that we ask for 50p per week towards the fresh fruit, porridge, cereals etc which we provide for the children every day. There is a snack tin by the door for collections.

Thank you

Lunch Club

Lunch Club is run on Tuesdays from 12.00 noon until 1.00pm. Each session costs £3.00. These small group sessions are very different from the lunchtimes held during the rest of the week, and are a great opportunity to nurture established friendships and develop new ones. If you'd like to book a place for your child please speak to any member of staff.

Ever wondered exactly what your child gets up to during a Preschool session? Why not sign up for Parent Rota duty and find out for yourself! Parents are encouraged to participate and support a wide range of activities as well as reading to the children or maybe mounting some of their artwork, whatever you feel comfortable doing. The children love to see new faces in the setting!