

The Summer Term! Welcome Back, we hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday, and for some of you it will be the last term before starting school!

May 15th will be **Smile Week**, at Pre-School, we will be looking at brushing and cleaning our teeth and keeping them healthy. Over 100 children a day have to have teeth extracted due to poor care and eating the wrong things.

We will also be looking at caterpillars, butterflies and bugs this term and hopefully watching our own butterflies hatch.

Transition To School

Everyone going to Bottesford Primary School will now have received a letter inviting their child to school visits on a Monday afternoon. If your child attends Pre-School on a Monday we will walk them down to school after lunch, they will require picking up at 3pm from the 4 plus door. If your child is going to attend one of the other local schools, we will be in touch with them about children's visits and transition advice. We will endeavour to send a member of staff on their 1st visit.

During the Summer Term we have many walks down to school, watching their sports day and talking about school. We will be engaging in school role-play, where the children will be trying on their school uniform and looking at all the schools welcome booklets.

If you have any worries or questions about starting school, please ask, we will do all we can to make sure the transition to school is happy and stress free, we have tips, books and lots of experience!



Sundown Trip

Bottesford Pre-School will be closed on **Wednesday 12th July** all day. We will be taking our school leavers to Sundown Adventure Land and therefore there will be no staff left behind for the younger children. If you pay for your hours at Pre-School you will not have been charged for your sessions. If your child is funded, then we will try to accommodate them on another session to suit you.

Sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

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Open Morning

Pre-School's open morning will be held on **Friday 7th July 10am to 12 noon**. This is a time for new parents to come and have a look around and meet the staff. Most children, who will be leaving us in September to go to school, will be on their school visit.

Everyone is welcome to come and have a cup of tea and a chat.

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Vale of Belvoir Out of School club offer before and after care for Pre-School aged children. They are taking bookings for September and have open evenings on 9th and 23rd June 2017 for you to look around and chat with the friendly staff. Pre-School collect/deliver the children before and after our daily sessions.

Please contact Tina Scott for more details on 01949 845016 or 07981042106

Sue's News

Well it's the summer term already, and with school being just around the corner for our eldest children they are now having turns sitting at our 'school table' at lunchtime. Here they have to make their own decisions about the nutritional order in which to eat their food, and how much to eat!. They will also have to try and open containers, packets and yoghurts themselves, so this may be something to practise at home. Something I would just like to mention about lunchboxes is 'getting the balance right'. For example, if you have sandwiches then you don't need sausage rolls or breadsticks and crackers as well!. Also if your child is happy to eat fruit then try to avoid packs of fruit flakes or fruit winders as well, as these don't contain the fibre of the fruit so have a high sugar content. Try and aim for a good balance of carbohydrates, fruit/veg, dairy and protein.

A new term has also brought new faces, so welcome and please take time to have a look at our healthy tots noticeboard which contains lots of useful information about lunchboxes and portion sizes. If you need any further information or have any specific issues/questions then please come and have a chat.

Sue Booth Healthy Eating Co-ordinator

Tapestry Download For School Leavers

We hope you are enjoying Tapestry and being involved in your child's learning and progress. Parents of school leavers will receive your child's transition report soon, this is their last report before they go to school in September. Once you have seen/read your child's report it will be time to download all of your child's Journal, this will be activated by us and you will have **7 days** to download the file, having first signed a safeguarding form at Pre-School.

Any problems please speak to Kim/Lucinda or your child's key person.



Policies & Procedures: Sun Cream

All children should have sun cream applied **BEFORE** they come to Pre-School, to minimize outlay cost to us (when weather appropriate). This applies to ALL children arriving for each session at 9am, 12 noon or 1pm.

Children that stay all day (9am-4pm) will have Pre-School's sun cream (Nivea Children's Sun Lotion SPF 50) applied at lunch time by staff, unless parents request that their child has their own applied, due to allergies/medical reasons. If a child requires their own sun cream, parents must hand in a bottle to a member of staff. The sun cream bottle must be clearly labelled with their child's name.

Under No circumstances should bottles of sun cream be left in a child's bag at Pre-School as it may cause risk to other children within the setting.

Dates for your diary



Bags to School

Tuesday 20th June

Open Morning

(for new & existing parents/carers)

Friday 7th July 10-12pm

Come and have a look around and chat to staff and committee members.

Sundown Outing

Wednesday 12th July 11-5pm

Our usual sessions will not run on this day as Pre-School will be **CLOSED**.

End of Summer Term

Friday 14th July 2017

Start of Autumn Term

Tuesday 29th August 2017

Pre-School Fun Day

Saturday 16th September 2017

September Sessions

Bookings are now being taken for the children who are returning to Pre-School in September. Please have a think about the sessions you would like and speak to Lucinda to get them sorted. New children who are due to start in September, bookings will be taken on Open Morning.

Fundraising at the Co-op.

We have **exciting news!**, the Co-op has chosen us to be one of their charities, so please support us by going on to their website www.coop.co.uk/membership and selecting us to receive 1% cash-back on everything you purchase. This will make a huge difference to our Pre-School funds. So far we have raised a fabulous **£269.00**.

