**Summer News Letter**

**Dan the Photographer**

On Thursday 22nd June, Dan will be coming to take individual photographs of the children, this activity is geared mainly at the school leavers as Dan is bringing some Graduation Capes! If your child doesn’t attend on a Thursday but you would like a leavers photograph, you are welcome to pop along during the morning. If your child is staying with us but you would like their photograph taken, then I’m sure that would be possible.

Dan has been to us many times prior to Covid and always gets really good informal shots of the children which make great souvenirs/Christmas or birthday presents for relatives.

**Bags to School**

We are still collecting clothes, shoes, bags, soft toys etc for our Bags to School collection. If we get enough bags, we are hoping to have another collection before the end of term so if you are having a clear out, please think of us.

**Sun Cream**

Please remember to sun cream your children before they come to Pre-School in this warmer weather. We will only put cream on children who are with us all day, this will be applied once, straight after lunch time.

**Sessions for September**

There are sessions available for September and we are taking bookings now, please just talk to a member of staff.

**School Leavers**

The children who are going to school in September have just started their school visits on a Wednesday afternoon at Bottesford Primary School. Mrs Avison stayed last week and reported back that everyone had had a lovely time.

We will be setting up a ‘school room’ after half term, looking at the different school uniforms and having lots of fun with role play.

We have invited all the Reception Teachers from the various schools your children are going to, to come and visit us and have a talk to key people. If there is anything else you would like us to do to aid transition into school then please don’t hesitate to ask.

**Open Morning**

We are having an Open Morning on Thursday 7th July 10-12am

This is for new parents to come and have a look around, meet the staff and our committee and hopefully book sessions for the next academic year.

If you know of any 2 or 3 year old children in the village then please recommend us and tell them about the open morning.

As you are aware we are awaiting a return visit from OFSTED, until that visit happens we are finding it difficult to advertise the setting, as our grading is Inadequate at the moment! It would be very helpful if you could explain to prospective parents that it was a committee paperwork issue and not an educational issue. Any support you can give us at this tricky time would be useful. The number of parents booking for September are down, lets hope OFSTED arrive soon and our grading can go back to normal.