



Spring Newsletter 1 2012



A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

Theme for the first half of Spring
Term:

Homes and Construction

We have been talking about where we live, what our houses are like and we have even been on a walk around Chagford.

We are currently making a display of children's houses, so if you are able to bring in a picture of your child's house for our display that would be fantastic.



After half term, we are going to be looking at fairytales and use The Three Little Pigs as the starting point - which also links nicely to what houses are made from!

Thank you so much to all those who helped and supported us last term. The Christmas show was a fantastic success!

PADDINGTON BEAR

Some of you may have already had the privilege of taking Paddington bear home. This is another home/Pre-School link, and children love to take photos and draw pictures of what they have been doing with him. Mums and dads have also written about the adventures their child has had with Paddington.

KEYWORKER MEETINGS

The next keyworker meetings will take place on the week beginning 27th February 2012. If you do not know who your keyworker is, please ask a member of staff. This is an

opportunity to talk to your child's keyworker about your child's progress and set targets for the term.

TERM DATES:

Our last day of the Spring Term is:

Friday 30th March

With Half Term

Monday 13th ~ 17th February

Please note that we now run holiday clubs at every holiday...look out for the posters and please speak to a member of our team!

The summer term starts on

Monday 16th April 2012.

TRIPS THIS TERM

Already we have been for a walk around Lamb Park and up to the square to look at "where we live". We also visited the fire station to learn about what we do if there is a fire and had the opportunity to play with their big hose...thank goodness for Muddy Puddle suits as the children were soaked!



CLOTHING

Please can you check that your children's bags are well stocked with spare clothes; and if you have any of the Pre-School clothes at home, we'd be grateful to have them back, please! Also can you ensure

ALL clothing is named and ensure your child has wellingtons at Pre-School as we go outside in all weather conditions!

Remember we also have a Pre-School uniform available. Sweatshirts are a bargain price at £10; T-Shirts £5 and hats £4.50.

PAYMENT

Please can you ensure that bills are now paid for this term's (January-April 2012) sessions if your child is not entitled to Early Years Vouchers/or is over the 15 hour entitlement per week. Please speak to Rosie if you have any problems or concerns.

SCHOOLS OUT @ CHAGFORD



Please note that we are offering holiday club from the Monday 13th - Friday 17th February from 9.00am to 5.00pm, for

children aged 3 - 11. The theme will be 'busy and active' with Naturekidz coming in on Tuesday and Thursday to make natural paint, swords and wands and much more. We are also hoping to have Elfie the Jester in on Wednesday - we are waiting for confirmation! Snacks & Drinks will be available and children are invited to bring a packed lunch. To book your place, please see a member of staff at the Pre-School.

Please also remember that we offer Breakfast Club and After School Club in term-time from 8.00am-9.00am and 3.30pm- 6.00pm (Mon, Tues and Fri only).

PARENT ROTA

As many of you may (or may not!) be aware we have an active parent rota we would love for every parent to come and help with a session. Do not fear! You do not need to have any special skills or abilities - just be willing to have fun with the

children, and make a good cup of tea! If you are interested in helping please speak to Tina Red or another member of staff.

STAFF NEWS

Last term we said a sad farewell to our Student Kim who will now be helping in the school and Rosie was appointed as the overall setting manager and leader. This term we welcome back Sara Halsey as our Senior Supervising Pre-School Leader.

Have a great term everyone!

The Big Oak Pre-School Team ☺

