

DONKEY FIELD NEWS



This half term we have been learning about transport, road safety and people who help us. Some of the children have been able to have a ride on a bus around the village and some children got to meet a police officer and go in the police car.

We will then be moving on to learning about spring, growing and life cycles.

If you have not joined our Facebook group yet, then please do as we use this to provide information and reminders to the families.

Term Dates

Term Finishes Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024
(Inclusive)

Term Begins Monday 15th April 2024

Term Finishes Friday 12th July 2024

Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 (Inclusive)

Inset Days:

Thursday 2nd May 2024 - AM Session

Friday 5th July 2024 - PM Session

Thank You

We would like to thank our kind families for the Amazon voucher that the setting was given for Christmas, we have used this voucher to purchase a selection of craft resources, a basketball net, football goals, fancy dress and some fantastic road signs and traffic lights for the children's role play.



Parent WhatsApp Group

There is a parent WhatsApp group, this group is very good for getting to know other parents and for reminders of things going on at the pre-school. We would like to remind everyone, that this is a parent run group and we do not have any control over it.

If you wish to discuss sessions please email or call us to discuss. Sessions must not be discussed outside of the setting, or arrangements made with other parents as we have waiting lists for sessions.

Thank you

Gardening Donations

We will be learning about growing over the next term and would welcome any donations of fruit and vegetable seeds, evergreen plants, soil and children's gardening tools and gloves.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 18th May 2024 - Race Night - More details will come out about this event shortly.

Tuesday 16th July 2024 - School Leavers Party/Graduation - Party will start at 11am. Details will be sent out closer to the date.

Drink Cans

As a fundraising event, Donkey Field will be collecting empty drink cans, which will be recycled for money. If you have any, please bring them to the pre-school and place in the black bin next to the pre-school.



Medication

If your child requires doctor prescribed medication while at the pre-school, this must be signed into the setting and must have the original package with the prescription label on it. If this is not there, then unfortunately we will not be able to administer the medication.

Please make sure any medication in your child's bag is removed if they do not need it during their time at the pre-school.

Fee Increase

We have been reviewing our fees and from the 1st April 2024, our hourly rate will be increasing to £7.26.

If you have any questions about the increase, or any concerns about paying then please do not hesitate in contacting Coral.



Nappies and Spare Clothes

If your child is still in nappies, please could you make sure that there are nappies, wipes and nappy sacks in their bags.

If your child is toilet training then please make sure that they have plenty of clothes, nappy sacks and wipes in their bag.

If your child is toilet trained then please make sure they have a set of spare clothes, should they require being changed for any reason.



Lunchboxes

Please remember that we do not have space in our kitchen to store lunchboxes, this means they are out on the lunch trolley all day. Please could you make sure that your child's lunchbox has an ice pack in it to make sure that food is kept at an appropriate temperature.

Also if your child has a pot of yoghurt for lunch, please could you provide them with a spoon, unfortunately lots of our appear to have gone home with children.

Thank you



School Places

Over Easter you will all find out what school your child has been allocated. Once you have received confirmation, please could you pop it up on your child's Tapestry account. We hope you all receive your first choice.

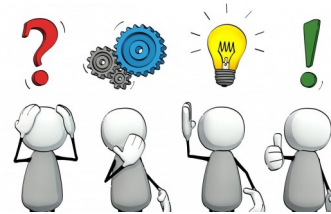
If your child is allocated Crawley Down and you believe they are going to need any extra support when they start school due to health, behaviour and any other concerns you may have, please contact the school to book appointments where you can discuss your concerns with them.



September Sessions

If your child is staying with us in September we will be sending out letters shortly. These letters will allow you to confirm what sessions you wish your child to do from September 2024. If they wish to remain the same, add any additional or even if you wish to decrease sessions. So start thinking about what you would like your child to do.

Any changes in sessions for September are not guaranteed until you have received confirmation from Coral.



Independence

At the pre-school we are trying to encourage and support the children with their independence, we are regularly practicing taking off our shoes and socks, then putting them back on again. We are also support the children with learning to put on their own coats and trying to do them up. We would really appreciate it, if you could continue to encourage this with your children at home.



Here is a link to a video that demonstrates the coat technique that we teach the children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3F7x2ad5upl>



Useful Links

2 Year Old Funding - <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>

30 Hours Funding - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

Tax Free Childcare - <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Integrated Front Door - <https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/parents-carers>

Danny Go - <https://www.youtube.com/@DannyGo>

East Grinstead Food Bank - <https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/>

Let's Go Potty (Potty Training Support) - <https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>

Dummies and Speech - <https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/features/article/speech-in-the-clear>

