

April 2024



DONKEY FIELD NEWS



This term we will be learning about mini beasts, dinosaurs, growing, jungle and moving on to sun safety and holidays. We will also be celebrating a variety of festivals that happen within this term.

We will be supporting all our school leavers with their transitions on to school, we can not believe that this is our last full term with some of our children.

Term Dates

Term Begins Monday 15th April 2024

Term Finishes Friday 12th July 2024

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

Inset Sessions:

Thursday 2nd May 2024 - Closed for AM Sessions, Open for PM session.

Friday 5th July 2024 - Open for AM sessions, Closed for PM session.

We will publish our dates for our next academic year, once the school has published their 2024/25 dates.



For Father's Day this year we have been making gifts, these are going to be sold in the old school hall on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th June 2024, at 9:15 am.

Gifts will be £3.00 each, we will be accepting cash and card payments (cash is preferred).

We will also be doing a cake sale during the gift sale, so cake donations would be gratefully received. If these could be brought in on Tuesday 11th June. Thank You

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 18th May 2024 - Race Night 7:30pm, in the school hall. Tickets on sale now for £10 per person.

Tickets can be purchased through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the posters.

Tuesday 16th July 2024 - School Leavers Party - 11am in the school hall for a kicks party, snacks will be provided for the children, but children will need to bring a water bottle.

Graduation will be at 12:45pm which is for the parent to attend. A letter will be sent out shortly with full details.

Drink Cans

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with collecting drinking cans, so far we have raised a fantastic £117.

If everyone could continue collecting cans for the pre-school that would be amazing and if you have any family and friends that can as well then that would be incredible. The more drinking cans we collect, the more funds are raised for the pre-school.



Funding Codes

If your child is in receipt of any funding that is means tested, such as the extended 30 hours. Please be aware that you have to reconfirm your eligibility on the government website every three months to keep your code active.

This is the responsibility of the family, if this is not kept up to date then the setting will not be able to claim the funding. This means that we will have to bill the family instead.

Email reminders are sent from the government website when reconfirmation is needed.

Water Bottles

Please could we kindly request that children only have water in their drink bottles. If your child wants a carton of juice or a fruit shoot with their lunch then this is fine.

Also please could we request that children bring their drink in a sports bottle with a flip up straw or pop up spout. No screw top bottles please, we have had a lot of spillages with children using these bottles.

Thank You



September Sessions

Children who will still be attending the pre-school in September will have their sessions confirmed by the end of May.

Please make sure that you have returned your session request form by the date stated on the letter.



Medication

If your child requires doctor prescribed medication while they are at the pre-school, this must have the doctor's label on it, it must state your child's name and the dosage that they require. If the medication does not have this then we will not be able to administer.

Please remember if your child is put on antibiotics then they must have had them for 48 hours before they can return to the pre-school.



Contacting Staff/Setting

We understand that due to the being based within a close community you may have contact details for some of the staff.

However, should you need to discuss anything about the setting, sessions or your child, then you must contact the setting either by telephone (01342 717877) or via email (info@donkeyfield.co.uk)

None of our staff must be contacted through their own private numbers, or through social media to discuss anything about the setting.

Thank you



Labelling Property

Please make sure that anything your child brings into the setting is labelled. We can not take responsibility for anything that goes missing.

Unless your child really needs an item to help them settle, then we would request that toys, blankets, books etc stay at home.

Thank You



Independence

At the pre-school we are trying to encourage and support the children with their independence, this is particularly important for the school leavers. We are regularly practicing taking off our shoes and socks, then putting them back on again. We are supporting the children with learning to put on their own coats and trying to do them up. We are also supporting the children with being fully independent with toileting and wiping their own bottoms. We would really appreciate it, if you could continue to encourage this with your child/ren 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=3F7x2ad5upI>



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>

