



Handsworth Pre-School

Newsletter: Summer Term 2nd Half (June-July 2021)

Our curriculum this half term is a celebration of “**The Best Of...**” We are encouraging the children to think about things they really, really enjoy and have enjoyed over the last year. We will also be thinking about supporting children’s transitions as we come up to the end of the academic year. Our weekly topics are:

w/c 7th June: Traditional Tales
w/c 14th June: Healthy Bodies/Healthy Eating
w/c 21st June: The Beach/Outdoors/Holidays
w/c 28th June: Creative Me
w/c 5th July: Out of This World
w/c 12th July: Handsworth Heptathlon
w/c 19th July: Fetes, Fun and Festivals

We will continue to publish our book(s) of the week through the parent’s Facebook Group; and to try to keep you up to date on ‘this week at Pre-School’.

Summer Weather: hopefully the sunshine is here to stay – please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Please apply sunscreen before your child comes in to Pre-School. We will be having water play regularly available – and will be having extra watery activities available during ‘The Beach’ week (21st June). Please be prepared to bring in additional changes of clothes.

Parent Consultations: we will be running parent consultations in the week commencing 5th July. As we are still unsure about arrangements due to COVID, we will be holding phone consultations. You will receive by email your child’s Transfer Record (for children leaving the setting) or your child’s End of Year Summary (for children returning in September) by Friday 2nd July. You will then be able to book a telephone conversation with your child’s Key Person. I will send further details of key person availability nearer the time.

Summer Activities: We have some exciting activities planned for this half term. We have a visit from **Discover Storytellers** on **Thursday 8th July**. We are planning to run a session ‘al fresco’ around the **lake/Highams Park** on **Friday 16th July** as part of our Handsworth Heptathlon; we have booked a session with **animals** on **Wednesday 21st July**; and we will host **graduation celebrations** on **Thursday 22nd July**. Some of these events are dependent on the weather and on the next steps for easing the lockdown. Again, we will confirm details and arrangements nearer the

time – please keep an eye on your email and on Facebook. All the activities are open to all children, whether or not they would usually attend on the dates given.

Fundraising ...Past: thank you to all who contributed to the coffee morning at the end of May. We raised around £100. We are only able to offer the events listed above as a result of your generosity and fundraising over the last year

...and Present: The **Pre-School Fete** is booked for **Saturday 10th July, 2.00pm-4.00pm**. We would love to see you. As well as fundraising, this event is a fun way to celebrate our community. Keep an eye on your email, Facebook and through the parent’s WhatsApp group (if you are a member) for more information.

All fundraising is organised by our fantastic Parent Committee – if you need more information, or want to help/contribute – please have a word with Committee members. The Chair is Jonny Cooper; and other named Committee members are Pascal Wyse and Lykke Hansen.

The next committee meeting is **Wednesday 14th July, 8pm** via Zoom. Meeting details will be published nearer the time.

Questionnaire: we will be issuing the end of year parent questionnaire towards the end of term. Please try to fill it in and return it. We read all the comments and they help us develop our provision.

Tapestry Online Learning Journals: for children who are returning in September, we are planning to move to online learning journals using Tapestry. We are planning a ‘soft launch’ for the journals next academic year and will let you know what is happening and when nearer the start of term. If you wish to find out about Tapestry, there is more information on their website: [Online Learning Journal For Early Years Education | Tapestry](#)

Last day of term: Thursday 22nd July, 12.00 noon
Autumn Term starts: Monday 6th September, 9.00am (returning children)

As ever, please have a word if you have any questions or comments.

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