



Summer Term 1st Half April- May 2021 Newsletter



Our curriculum focus for this half term is **transport**:

w/c	Topic	Favourite book(s) include
20 th April	Vehicles/London Transport	"Dig, Dig Digging" Margaret Mayo
26 th April	Emergency Vehicles	"Emergency!" Margaret Mayo; "The Bus is for Us", Michael Rosen
4 th May	Aeroplanes/Boats	"Mr Gumpy's Outing" Quentin Blake; "The Owl and the Pussy Cat" Edward Lear
10 th May	Engineering – steam, roads, rails, bridges etc	"The Train Ride", June Crebbin; and "The Little Red Train", Benedict Blathwayt
17 th May	Road Safety & Local Traffic	"Duck in a Truck" Jez Alborough; and "Toad's Road Code" Leyland Perree
24 th May	Unusual and Historical Transport	"The Wonky Donkey" Craig Smith; and "The Night Pirates" Peter Harris

Linked to the transport theme, we will also be thinking about our local area and London; and we will be beginning to talk about starting school or a new setting for children who will be moving up or on in September. As usual, weekly updates will be posted into the Facebook Group.



Committee Update

The next meeting will be **8pm Wednesday 28th April**, on Zoom. We will post the link on the Facebook Group and via the parents WhatsApp. All welcome.

Sponsored Rainbow Day: thank you for all your support for the sponsored Rainbow Day last term. We raised a huge £624. This is a record amount for the Rainbow Day! We will spend the money on special activities for the children next half to mark the

end of the academic year. We are still researching/ planning our activities and we'll keep you in touch.

Coronavirus Update: even though the infection rates are reducing, we continue to be required to have a system of controls in place. Thank you all for your patience and compliance so far. Just a few reminders. Please:

- Continue to maintain social distance between yourself and other adults at drop off and pick up
- Move promptly through the premises, following our one way system
- One adult only to drop off/pick up
- Continue to wear a face mask on the premises (unless exempt)
- Do not attend Pre-School if you/your child is poorly or has symptoms of COVID-19
- Let us know on the first day your child is absent due to illness, holidays or other events. Please call the Pre-School hall direct (07860 655066).

We continue to follow the national guidance and as restrictions ease we will update you with changes to our arrangements as/when they come into effect.

6th May Elections: we understand the front hall will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May. It is likely we will be asked to come in and leave via the iron gates at the side on that date. We will keep you informed via Facebook/email.

Front Door: as we begin to support children's transition to school, we will be closing the front door to the site promptly at 9.10am and 12.10pm. If you are likely to be much later than this when dropping off or picking up, please would you text or call the hall to let us know.

Children's clothing: Please remember to name coats etc. If we get to the point of hot, sunny weather, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately/has a hat. Sun cream should be applied before a child attends Pre-School. If there are special/medical reasons that mean sun cream has to be applied whilst they are at Pre-School, please let us know. We have a form for you to fill in...

Diary Dates

Committee meeting: **28th April, 8pm, Zoom**



Last day of this half term: **Friday 28th May, 12 noon**
2nd half term commences: **Monday 7th June, 9.00am**
As ever, if you have any questions, comments or queries, please have a word or contact me. You can call me on the setting number 07860 655066 or email handsworthpsleader@outlook.com. *Janet*