

South Woodham Pre School



Summer Newsletter : May 2019

LOOKING BACK.....

Over the last half term the children have had lots of fun at pre-school –. They have enjoyed our role play area set up as a café, construction site, a kitchen, baby clinic and a circus. They have been practicing their cutting skills, lots of outdoor play in the garden and on the school field, making sounds with musical instruments, junk modeling and activities around Ramadan.

At Stepping Stones the children have enjoyed lots of fun activities this half term. Their creative work has included sponge and crayon pictures, threading, butterfly painting, collaging with feathers and frog creations. Their investigative work has been based around life cycles of butterflies, chickens and frogs. They have all practiced and ‘mostly’ perfected dressing and undressing for P.E. and carrying a dinner tray in readiness for starting primary school in September.

We are sad to announce that Sharon Gifford will be retiring in July – we wish her all the very best of luck in her retirement and thank her for all her hard work here at pre-school.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM:

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE - STEPPING STONES GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

All Stepping Stones children attending on 4th June will have their photograph taken. If your child does not attend pre-school on a Tuesday and you would like them to have their photograph taken a list of timeslots over the lunchtime period will be put up in the foyer for you to add your child's name to.

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY - WOODVILLE SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday 3rd July Woodville Primary School will be holding their annual sports day. There will be a Pre-School race and the children that are in session on Wednesday afternoon will be taken over onto the school field to take part in the race. **Please note we can only be responsible for the children we have on session** so we would ask that if you would like your child to take part in a race that they enter the Toddler race in which any other pre school aged children will be able to take part .

STEPPING STONES

We will continue to prepare the children for the move up to “big school” in September. The children **won't** be needing their P.E. kits this last half term

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE – STEPPING STONES HYDE HALL VISIT

All Stepping Stones children should have received their letters. Please ensure payment and reply slip are returned to the office as soon as possible.

TAPESTRY

All children who are not leaving us in July to move onto primary school have now been added to our Tapestry on-line learning system. Every parent should have received their information letter regarding this and must return their agreement to this before we are able to give access to your child's account. We will be going “live” for all children from September.

ADVENTURE ISLAND WRISTBANDS

Quick reminder we have Adventure Island wristbands on sale at £12.00 each for green and red wristbands and £16.00 for blue bands. You can purchase these from the office at pre-school during term time or alternatively outside of pre-school hours from Nicole (07976 887854), Donna (07904 757443) or Nicky (07930 952014).

NUMBER FOR REPORTING ABSENCES: 01245 425746

Could we please ask that any absences, swapping of sessions or gifting of sessions be made either by email to management@southwoodhampreschool.co.uk or by leaving a voicemail message on the landline.

DONATIONS OF TEDDY BEARS FOR STALL AT SCHOOL FETE

The Committee are asking for any donations of good quality unwanted teddy bears you have for a stall they are running at the Woodville School fete this year. Please bring any donations into the office. Many thanks.

FUNDRAISING BOARD IN THE FOYER

You will have noticed our new Fundraising Board in the foyer. Our team of fundraising are always looking for new ideas for fundraising – if you have any ideas – big or small they would be delighted to hear from you. There is a book on the board for you to write your ideas in.

FEES:

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO PAY YOUR FEES MONTHLY, HALF TERMLY OR TERMLY PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AT THE BEGINNING OF A MONTH OR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM.

NON-PAYMENT OF FEES:

IF FEES ARE NOT PAID PROMPTLY THE COMMITTEE WILL NOW BE PUTTING A FREEZE ON “PAID FOR” SESSIONS AND ANY “EXTRAS” THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY FUNDING I.E. LUNCHES. PLEASE BE AWARE AS A CHARITY WE RELY ON PROMPT PAYMENT OF FEES TO ALLOW US TO MEET ALL OF OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS.

SICKNESS/DIARRHOEA:

Please allow 48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea before your child returns to pre-school.

REMINDERS:

Could we remind parents that if your child is staying for lunch they require a drink to be provided either in a sports style bottle or in a carton with a straw. Also, chocolate biscuits such as Penguin, Kitkat etc are fine but no chocolates or sweets. Thank you for your continued support.

PACKED LUNCHES

Can we please draw parents' attention to the guidelines set out for packed lunches. Please NO nuts or nut products should be brought into pre-school. Could parents please write your child's name INSIDE and OUTSIDE of their lunch box/bag as we have a few that are the same and lastly please ensure all children bring in with them a drink in a sports style bottle. Many thanks for your support.

[GIFTING AND SELLING SESSIONS](#)

The gifting and selling of sessions is going well on our Facebook page/ sessions for sale board. It really helps pre-school out at this time of the year when all the sessions are so busy, and it helps a lot of parent's that need extra sessions. Could we please ask that if you do take up any sessions or lunches from another child, especially if the agreement is on our Facebook page, that you notify the supervisor on session that day or before if possible, just so we can keep a note in our registers. Many thanks.

SESSIONS FOR SALE BOARD IN THE FOYER:

Please remember this is for paying parents only (not funded) - it is possible for parents/carers to sell unwanted sessions to other parents. May we remind parents that this is a private arrangement between parents, but please inform pre-school of any changes. Thank you.

SNACK DURING SESSION NEXT HALF TERM:-

	<u>Main Room</u>	<u>Stepping Stones</u>
Week 1	- Cucumber & Carrots	Toast/sandwiches, cheese, marmite
Week 2	- Toast/sandwiches, dips etc	Crumpets
Week 3	- Crumpets	Crackers, cheese, marmite
Week 4	- Apple, cheese, breadsticks	Yoghurt
Week 5	- Yoghurt	Cucumber, carrots & dips
Week 6	- Use up from previous weeks	->
Week 7	- Party Food	Party Food

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please be aware that we will always try our best to keep pre-school open in severe weather conditions but if we are forced to close a message would be placed on our Facebook page, a notification will be made on Heart radio and where possible a message would be placed on our answer phone.

OUR FAMILY BOARD:

We are still putting together our "Family Board" and would ask that any children who haven't already done so to bring in a photograph of their family and/or extended family. This board is used to celebrate diverse family structures, cultures and religions and to encourage the children to talk about their own relations and identify and embrace similarities and differences.

PANTOSAURUS.

Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried. Please take the time to watch this short animation and share with your child.



<https://youtu.be/-iL07JOGU5o>

YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT

If you have any concerns about your child's speech please speak with your key person at any time. Also, you can access an on-line basic assessment at www.talkingpoint.org.uk which gives guidance to parents about the ages/stages of a child's speech development.

IDEAS FOR SNACK

We would appreciate suggestions of any favourite healthy snacks your child has that we could possibly add to our selection of snack choices we offer the children.

NAMES IN CLOTHING

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ensure you send your child to pre-school in appropriate clothing/footwear for the season. All items of clothing including jackets and hats should be named. Appropriate footwear worn for safe play in the garden and inside. If your child wears wellie boots on their journey to pre-school please ensure they have appropriate shoes to change into.

If you are potty training your child please supply a few changes of clothes in their bag for 'accidents', including shoes. We do have spare clothes, but are limited on choice/sizes.

SCOOTERS/BIKES

Unfortunately, we are unable to store any scooters/bikes during the day while your children are at pre-school.



Please join us at our new Facebook Closed Group.

TOYS : Where possible can we ask that children do not bring toys into pre-school from home. It can cause a lot of distress to the children if they get lost. If they are brought in can you ensure that they are left in the children's bags.

Special Requests:

Late arrivals and late collections can cause distress to the children. Please be prompt when dropping off/picking up your child and please ensure you inform us of any new contact numbers etc for your child's records – particularly emergency contacts and any dietary/allergy needs your child has.

UNIFORM

Please fill out an order form, which can be found in the foyer. We also have a selection of second hand uniform that we sell for a nominal fee.

Price List:

T-shirt	£5.00
Polo Shirt	£7.00
Sweatshirt	£10.00
Fleece	£12.00
Book Bag	£5.00

TERM DATES:

Fri 24th May	End of Half Term
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May	Whitsun Half Term Holiday
Mon 3rd June	Start of new Half Term
Tues 4 th June	Stepping Stones Graduation Photographs
Fri 7 th June	Stepping Stones Trip to Hyde Hall
Thurs 18th July	Last day of Term
Fri 19th July	Stepping Stones Leavers Parties
Mon 9 th September	Start of Autumn Term
Fri 25 th October	End of Half Term
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	October Half Term
Mon 4 th November	Start of New Half Term
Thurs 19 th December	Last Day of Term
Fri 20 th December	Stepping Stones Nativities

Wishing everyone a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 3rd June!

