



Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter. Thanks for sending your Easter photos to us - it looks like you've all had lots of fun! This term we welcome Freddie and Teddie

Last half term we really enjoyed celebrating Easter and we made some fabulous Easter decorations to hang on our Easter tree. Vicar Louise came in and told us the Easter story. We had some lovely weather for a few days and really made the most of it, having our fruit outside and even paddling in the pool! Of course, then the colder weather arrived, and we enjoyed playing in the snow and sleet! The Fun Filled Friday children had a visit to the school woods and Hatton's farm and saw lots of lambs and some expectant mothers waiting to give birth!

The Child's Voice - We love the children to make decisions and have their own voice, so as we had some fundraising money to spend, we thought the children could vote on what to buy. The children love the construction toys, so we found three things we thought they might like and stuck a picture of each on a box. We explained to the children that they could choose one toy by putting their registration picture into the box. The winner would be the one with the most votes.

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The connecting pipes were the winners, so a few days later they were delivered. The children have played with them a lot!

The Mother's Day 'Tea at 10' was a really special morning. The children sang a few songs and the playgroup ladies served tea and cake to all the mums, grandmas, Great Grandmas, Aunties and children.

Our Easter Craft Activity morning was another great success, raising £325. It was lovely to see so many playgroup children attend. We feel that this is an excellent community morning and were really surprised to see how many older children attended.

We all had lots of fun at The Easter Holiday Club. There was lots of playing outside, craft activities and games. The mixed age group is so beneficial for all of the children, and they all learn so much.

This term we will be watching some caterpillars grow into butterflies and hopefully will be getting some more tadpoles so we can watch them turn into frogs and will be watching our plants and herbs grow in our garden. We are also having a visit from a fire engine! The Fun Filled Friday children are going to see Amelia's cows and all of the children will be visiting our local woods and fields. The pre-school children now have an hour to themselves each morning in the committee room. This is so that they can get ready for school. They will do lots of fun activities such as Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle, Dough Disco, Phonics and Maths - all through play!

ENTERTAINERS WANTED - We would love to have a few more visitors to playgroup now that we can. Do any of you play an instrument, have a hobby you could share, love reading to children? If so, please contact us and arrange to come in to share with our children. After a couple of years of not seeing things 'in person' or 'live', we really think the children would benefit from some exciting visitors!!

June Bike Month - During June, to get us all fit and ready for the summer, we would like to see how many miles we can cycle. That includes the children, staff, parents, and anyone else who would like to help to raise money for some new bikes! Look out for leaflets and sponsor forms in the next few weeks.

Jubilee - we have lots of fun activities planned for the last week of the half term to celebrate the Jubilee. We will be looking at the Queen over the years and would like to have baby photos of the children so we can talk about how people change as they grow up. We would also love to see photos of parents and grandparents from babies to adults.

If anyone has very big boxes and small glass jars such as apple sauce jars, we would be grateful for them.

This half term is only 5 weeks long, so I am sure it will whizz by,

Sam, Becky, Jo, Vanessa, Kelly, Megan, Amanda & Megan

Dates for your Diary:

- 18th May - Photographer
- Half Term - 30th May - 3rd June
- 7th June - Bags2school
- June Bike Month!

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