



HOLLIES PRE-SCHOOL-HALF TERMLY NEWS

20th July 2018

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

Wow it's been a very busy term, we have explored many areas of our environment – learning lots of new things as we discover. Throughout the term we have been looking into our environment and transport. Each week a member of staff delivers an activity to support the theme. To sum up what we have been learning about we arranged an end of year outing; this year we went to Wythenshawe Park and Farm, this supported the environment and transport as we saw lots of farm vehicles and exotic plants – where we saw some fairies, a badger, and a hedgehog!

We started the term off with our first theme – 'Our Environment', we turned our home corner into a recycle centre where the children sorted different waste materials such as plastic and cardboard. Marie organised a visit from Cheshire East to explore recycling further, the children enjoyed the games Lucinda did with them. In addition to the recycle centre we made water gauges with used plastic bottles and robots with empty cereal boxes, these were magnificent, some children uploaded photos of the water gauges and some children took their robots to bed (adding green paint to their pillow).

We used litter pickers to find rubbish on the Hollies' field and in the woods, teaching us how important it is to put rubbish in the bin, the litter pickers were also good for strengthening our hand muscles to help with our early literacy skills; we also used our hand muscles to mash paper to a pulp ready to make paper bricks!

The second half of the term we looked at transport, and as luck has it we got to admire the tractor for two days as it broke down in the field!

We made fruit trains, explored logos, and made bus tickets. We looked for animals that live on the farm using our detective work, looking for their footprints in and around the hollies playground; we even found some over in the woods after we ate snack!

We explored shapes and tracks during tractor week, we picked out shapes to make a tractor by sticking them on paper; we also used gloop and tractors to mark make. The Hollies children explored holidays and travel, looking at the things we need to pack into our suitcase and exploring the way we get around. We have even managed to learn a little bit of Spanish - los niños lo disfrutaron!



CONTN'D

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and grand-parents who have joined in with our mystery readers, the children have enjoyed these sessions, it boosts their confidence and makes them feel special; in addition to this we would also like to thank Connie's Daddy for coming along to some sessions, the children have enjoyed spending time doing activities alongside both Connie and Daddy, its's been nice to have a male influence around the pre-school!

It was lovely to see you all at our annual parents evening. It is, as always, a lovely time to have an uninterrupted chat about the 'day in the life of your child', and a good catch up about their development and special achievements.

We unfortunately have had to say goodbye to two members of the Hollies staff this term, Justine & Alex. They have both moved on to pastures new and all the Hollies team thank them for all their hard work and wish them the very best in their new ventures.

We have a new member of staff, all the hollies team would like to wish Toni a warm welcome; Toni has settled well into our hollies family, she has already taken on key children and the holiday club supervisor role.

It is always slightly heart-breaking when 'our' key children flee the nest here, at the hollies, we have spent a long time playing and teaching them new skills and helping them to be school ready, but when the time comes, just as you parents, we also feel the emotions of them leaving us. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children leaving for 'big' school all the very best in their new venture.

So how do we fill the gap? With new children of course, and we have some lovely characters joining us throughout the next academic year, and of course we have our younger children becoming our older ones! We have arranged some lovely activities for the next term, we hope you can join us for some stay and play days.

On a final note, Finally, we finished off our year with an end of term party. What a way to finish, we hope you all had lots and lots of fun.

Again, we wish our school starters the very best of luck in your next adventure into your Primary Education. We will see everyone else in September, have a lovely summer.





Let's get fundraising!

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It was lovely to see so many hollies children, pre-school and after school children at the hollies fun day, the day ran smoothly with lots of games and tombolas on offer, we raised a total of £575. This is an amazing amount of money and will go in our 'new building fund'. We managed to put all this together with only four staff members using some ideas from parents; our fundraising team needs more members, just imagine what we could achieve for the children with additional hands on deck! If you are interested in giving us some extra help, please contact Debbie at the Hollies; we are fundraising for a new building, so we are looking to do lots of activities to fund raise for this!



ADMIN

NOTICES

Autumn term invoices will be issued over the summer break for sessions booked for September 2018.

Please can parents ensure that their own accounts for the summer term are cleared at the latest by 15th August 2018. Please contact me via email if you require a statement of your account.

NOTICES



Please can all parents/carers refrain from parking in the Lower Park School Car Park at any time and also please do not reverse into the entrance.



Please can all parents/carers advise Rachel of any absences from pre-school and also any change in contact details.



Please can you ensure that all school dinner lunch money is paid on receipt of your email from Rachel or at the time of ordering by cash/cheque or directly into the bank.



As per our policy if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they cannot return to pre-school until 48 hours after the last episode. We will ask your child to be collected if their temperature is above 37.4. They can return to pre-school within 48 hours provided their temperature has returned to normal and they do not need medication such as Calpol to keep it at normal temperature.



We are a nut free setting so please can all parents/carers ensure that there are no nut products in their child's packed lunch.



During the warmer months please can you ensure that your child arrives at pre-school with sun cream having been applied. Staff will apply again at set periods during the day with our own sun cream Factor 50. You do not need to provide it. If however your child requires specific sun cream please can you ensure that this is handed to the supervisor and not left in your child's bag.



As per our policy if you are paying your termly fees monthly please can you ensure that your payment reaches our bank account by the 15th of each month.



Please can you ensure that if somebody different to normal is going to collect your child from Pre-School that they are aware of the password and also please advise the Hollies.



Please can you ensure that all your child's clothing including hats, gloves, e.t.c are name labelled. No small precious toys to be brought in as they are getting lost.



During the winter months please can you ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing as our door to outside is always open.

We have an open door policy at the Hollies so please feel free to come in and see us....



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