



Pickles Pre-School.

The Community Room, Cherry Tree Primary School,
Berry Avenue, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD24 6ST
May 2015.

The Summer holiday is in sight and sadly this means that in 7 short weeks some of our children will be leaving us for Nursery or School Reception. This half term we will be preparing with these children so they are ready for their new setting. We will miss them and hope they will always remember and cherish the fun times they had at Pickles Pre-School. Most of all we hope you, as Parent/Carers, believe that Pickles Pre-School has given your child an eagerness to learn – that is what we aspire to!

Each half term we produce a newsletter to inform you of our themes for learning, activities and events so you can be a part of your child's learning and development. At Pickles Pre-School we believe that by building a partnership with a child's Parents/Carers the child's learning and development will flourish and we will create the very best start for their on-going academic journey.

Our Themes for our learning this Half Term will be –

- **Jungle** – we will be linking in with the theme of National Bookstart Week (8-14 June) and listening to the books “Rumble in the Jungle” (Giles Andreae) & “Walking in the Jungle” (Stella Blackstone) – animal biscuit cooking - mask making - enjoying the Jungle Book music - small world animal role play - looking at maps of the world and talking about where animals live.
- **“The Very Hungry Caterpillar” book** (Eric Carle) – Listening to the book and using the puppet props and costume so to bring the story to life - making caterpillars models - counting fruits - talking about healthy eating and eating the fruits of the story at snack time - learning about the lifecycle of a caterpillar and a butterfly.
- **Transitioning to Nursery / School** – school uniforms to wear - role play with our Peppa Pig small world Nursery - inviting teachers in from new settings - transition map to encourage talk of moving on and being aware of other Pre-School children at who may be moving onto that setting with them – reading books about going school/Nursery.

Carpet Time Talk week by week.

Week Commencing	Letter	Number	Shape	Colour	Language of the Week
1 st June	i	4	circle	green	Tamil - “Vanakkam”
8 th June	j	5	oval	brown	Czech - Ahoj. (<i>ahoy</i>)
15 th June	k	6	square	yellow	Russian - Russian – “Privyet”
22 nd June	l	7	star	orange	Italian - Ciao
29 th June	m	8	rectangle	blue	Arabic - “As-salamu alaykum”
6 th July	n	9	triangle	green	Spanish - “Hola”
13 th July	o	10	diamond	red	Hello - English

Dates for your diary –

End of the Summer Term – Friday 17th July. There will be no Lunch Club on this day. Please do let us know if you plan for your child's last day to be earlier in the term.

Start of Autumn 2015 Term – Monday 7th September 2015 For the children staying with us for the new academic year.

Parent Consultation in the Summer Term – Wednesday 8th July, 4.30pm – 6pm in the Cherry Tree School Hall. Please arrive via the Berry Avenue main entrance to the school. You will be allocated a time to chat with your child's Key Person, to look at your child's Learning Journal, share in all they have enjoyed and learnt and discuss their interests and development.

Additionally I can book a time for you to meet with our Special Needs Co-ordinator, Dawn Haigh, and/or the Pre-School Manager, Sarah Wickham, if you wish.

Sports Day – Tuesday 16th June, 9:30 am – 10:15 am, in the Fenced Sports Pitch in the Cherry Tree School Playground. The children will be put in a team with a staff member and move from event to event with you (their “support team”) following too! Each team will be allocated a colour and we ask that the children wear a T-shirt of that colour. We will inform you of your child’s team, the staff member they will be with and their team colour after half term. Hope you can join us! Our back up date for the Sports Day (in case of bad weather) is Tuesday 23rd June.

Summer Party Week – week commencing 13/07/15. The children can dress up as they wish all week. We are hoping parents can contribute **£5.00** towards the cost of Party Week which will cover the cost of prizes, gifts and party fun activities.

What’s NEW?

Our Gardening Area – Thanks to the support of County Councillor Anne Joynes, our gardening project will bloom. We already have some lovely planters that the children have started to grow and care for vegetables and flowers in. The children would love to show you!

Sainsbury’s Vouchers – thank you to all who collected and donated your Sainsbury’s Active Kids vouchers to Pre-School. The vouchers have enabled us to order a parachute, some space hoppers and some seeds to plant and care for.

Sun hats, sun glasses and sun cream – Please equip your child for the Summer weather with sunhats (which can be left on their peg), sunglasses and apply their sunscreen before they arrive at Pre-School. The staff team are not able to apply sunscreen to the children.

Transitions – When you meet with your child’s new teacher at their next setting please do show them your child’s Pre-School Learning Journal. The staff team put a lot of work into each Learning Journals, they will inform the setting of your child’s stage of development, their interests and all they have achieved at Pre-School. Moreover they are books for you, and your child, to treasure.

Nursery Rhyme/Song of the Month:

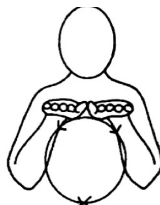
The sun has got his hat on
Hip hip hip hooray
The sun has got his hat on
And he’s coming out to play



Makaton Signs we will learn and use:



Flutter hands and move them slightly upwards



Facebook page – “Like” our “Pickles Pre-School” Facebook page so to stay up to date with our news, events and information.

If you have any questions or queries or if we can be of any additional support to you or your child please do not hesitate to ask me or a member of our Pickles Pre-School team.

Kind regards,

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