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 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 a happy and positive learning experience and an eagerness to learn.

This is our half termly newsletter which we email or give out to Parent/Carers, display in our cloakroom and upload onto our website – www.picklespreschool.co.uk For this half term we have chosen the following themes as a focus for our learning and play.

5th – 16th June – Colour, Art and Artists – exploring colours and mixing colours – painting our own masterpieces and creating a Fathers Day work of art – talking about famous artists and looking at famous paintings (Sunflowers by Van Gogh, Mona Lisa and The Last Supper by Da Vinci, Monet, Kandinsky etc). The books of our theme will be Katie and the Sunflowers, Katie and the Bathers and Katie’s Picture Show by James Mayhew.

19th June – 23rd June – We’re Going on a Bear Hunt (book written by Michael Rosen) – re-enact and recall the story in our garden and with our story sack – talk about feelings “we’re not scared” and emotions – our snack and lunch time will take the form of a Teddy Bears Picnic (we encourage the children to bring their favourite Teddy Bears to Pre-School this week).

26th – 30th June – Walking through the Jungle (book written by Stella Blackstone) – singing along with the song that accompanies the book - learning about jungle animals - animal dressing up and role play – creating jungle masks – making and recognising the sounds of different jungle animals – looing at an atlas and maps and talking about where jungles are and where animals may live – being explorers in our garden with our binoculars.

3rd July – 7th July – Sports Week – Our Sports Day will be this week (weather permitting) – bat and ball games - football skills – basketball hoop practising – an obstacle course will be created – parachute games – we will be introducing the children to yoga – Our book of the week will be The Yoga Ogre (written by Peter Bently) - talk about the importance of exercise to our body and mind – what happens to our body and heart when we exercise and our bodies need for water and healthy eating.

10th – 14th July – Summer – Water play – Beach role play – talk about Summer holidays and being safe in the sun – pebble painting.

17th – 21st July – Party Week! - The children can dress up as they wish all week. There will be prizes, gifts and party fun activities.

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What’s NEW?

SENC – Special Education Needs Co-ordinator – Congratulations to Sarah Wickham, the Pre-School Manager, for completing her training in May to be the setting’s SENCo. Sarah works with all the staff so support and guide the learning and development of all our children and is always happy to meet and chat with Parent/Carers to offer support and advice.

Cycling/Scooting Safety – At Pre-School the children know that to ride on one of our scooters/bikes they must wear one of our helmets so to protect their head. We highly recommend that you enforce the wearing of a properly fitted cycling helmet at home too. Childhood bicycle-related head injuries can be prevented through the use of helmets. It is forbidden, by Cherry Tree School, for children to ride their scooters or bikes around the school grounds.

Courteous to Cherry Tree Pupils/Staff – We appreciate that Pre-School starts later than Cherry Tree School does, we finish earlier and there is a drop off and pick up in the middle of the day. However Cherry Tree School has asked that our parents and children are quieter when they are waiting outside The Community Room and that children are supervised closely. You are allowed to shelter (from the sun or the rain) under the canopy at the side of our Pre-School room or in the Wooden Classroom (by the Reception Classrooms) but please do not let children climb on the Wooden Classroom nor play on the wooden equipment in their playgrounds (go to the park on Berry Avenue instead if you are early). Also the Cherry Tree School teachers have asked that we do not wave to pupils in their classrooms, call through open windows or distract the children from their learning. Cherry Tree School are very accommodating to us as a setting and we want to continue the good relationship we have with the school. Many thanks.

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 sun-cream before they arrive at Pre-School. The staff team are not able to apply sun-cream 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.

Sainsbury’s Active Kids Vouchers – Thank you to all our Parents, Carers and friends who donated their vouchers to Pickles Pre-school. Together we collected 2665 vouchers (our highest number to date!). We will let you know what we order so to promote, teach and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle for our children.

Dates for your diary

End of the Summer Term – Friday 21st 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 2017 Term – Monday 4th September 2017 For the children staying with us for the new academic year.

Parent Consultations in the Summer Term – Wednesday 12th July, 4.00 pm – 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 Pre-School Manager (Special Needs Coordinator), Sarah Wickham, if you wish.

Sports Day – Tuesday 4th July, 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 11th July.

Police Open Day – Sunday 18th June from 10am – To continue on from our People who Help us theme we thought you may like to take your children along to join the fun of the Police Open Day at Watford Police Station.
Nursery Rhyme/Song of the Half Term:

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:

![Makaton Signs](image)

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.

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