

Newsletter May 2014

Can I first thank all those parents/carers that attended our Parent's information evening and for being such good sports by joining in with our activity. It was good to be able to share some of the learning opportunities we offer the children. If you were unable to attend and would like information from the night please speak to a member of staff.



Joining in with dough gym at parents evening

We have had lots of positive comments about the evening and it would be really good to be able to keep a record of them to show our parent partnerships in action so if you would like to write a comment and pop it into the comment box you can find them in the lobby.

It has also been nice to see that some stars are starting to appear on the wow board, please keep putting your children's achievements and wow moments on display, it is really good for the children to share their experiences with us, they can also be used in their development records.

You may have noticed that our parent information board has changed in regards to the information displayed on it. We were aware that the information did not differentiate between morning and afternoon sessions and wanted to provide more details of the specific learning intentions covered on each session. The information will also show how you can extend these activities further at home should you wish to do so.

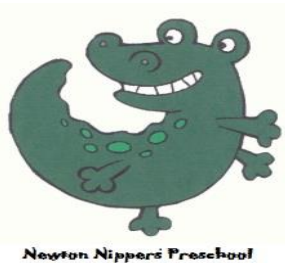
IMPORTANT NEWS

After 10 years working at Newton Nippers pre-school Julie has made the difficult decision to leave her position as joint manager at half-term. During her time here she has made a positive contribution to the lives of both children and their families and supported them on their first steps into school life. She has seen many changes over the years from working in the school hall to the village hall and finally seeing the pre-school thrive in its new purpose built building. Her dedication and passion for her job has shone through and she has been very influential in making the pre-school a success. As much as the staff and children will be sad to see her go, we hope you will all join us in wishing her the very best for the future as she embarks on her new adventure. The pre-school will of course continue to operate as normal and we will keep you informed of the staff changes as we endeavour to cover Julie's hours.

School Transition

Over the next few weeks we will be starting the transition process for those starting at Newton St Cyres Primary school in September. All children will have the opportunity to spend time in class 1 and will





also participate in joint activities with pre-school and reception. Last year we had a celebration assembly for parents where we shared the learning experiences we did together, it was a huge success and we hope to do the same this year. Further information to follow.

Dates for your diary

Sports day – Friday 6th June at 2:00pm All the children are invited to take part, there will be a raffle and refreshments after (we would kindly ask for raffle prizes, cakes and offers of help for the refreshments).

Summer trip – Thursday 17th July to Pecorama, all children are welcome to join us (please see attached form for details)

Leavers performance – Friday 18th of July at 2.00pm in the school hall. This is for children who will be leaving the pre-school at the end of the summer term.

Term dates

Half-term – Monday 26th May – Monday 2nd June

Term ends – Friday 25th July

Autumn term starts Mon 8th September

Half-term – Monday 27th – Friday 31st October

Term ends – Thursday 18th December

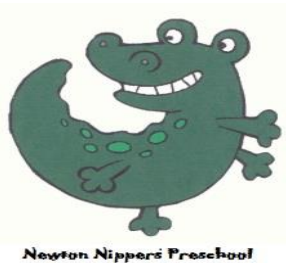
Finally

With the hope that we will have nice weather this term could you please ensure that your child/ren has a spare set of clothes with them for fun outside activities and a hat. It would be very helpful if the children arrived with sun cream already applied, we will however reapply for the afternoon session.

Can I also just remind you that as much as we appreciate the children want to share their toys and treasures from home we have had an abundance of items coming into the pre-school of late. It has been very difficult to keep track of the possessions and we have had upset children when they have been unable to locate them. We would however love to see evidence of achievements such as photos, certificates or even works of art that can be celebrated.

Thank you for your continued support, any questions or queries please speak to a member of staff.





Sports Day Friday 6th June at 2:00pm

My child/ren will/will not be able to take part in the Pre-school sports day.

Leavers performance Friday 18th July at 2:00pm

My child..... will/will not be able to take part in the Leavers performance.

Can I remind you that this performance is for the children who are leaving the pre-school at the end of this term only. Further information about costumes will follow when we have an idea of those attending.

Summer trip to Pecorama Thursday 17th July

I give permission for my child/ren to travel on the coach with the pre-school staff to spend the day at Pecorama.

I understand that the trip will cost £10.00 per child.

Parent signature.....

Please could we have this form back ASAP so we can start making further arrangements, thank you for your co-operation.

