



Hollytree Pre-school Newsletter Summer 1 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your Easter break. This half term we are hoping for some warmer weather and maybe a little sunshine!

This half term our theme will be 'Minibeasts'. Over the next few weeks, we will be:

- Going on bug hunts
- Making homes for different kinds of insects.
- Looking at the life cycles of frogs and butterflies.
- Visiting the library to find information books about Minibeasts.
- Investigating the differences between different kinds of insects in our "Bug Lab", counting legs and wings, finding out where they live and how they move.
- Making bugs with salt dough.
- Going for walks to look for Signs of Spring

Our books of the week will be:

- Mad About Minibeasts
- The Hungry Caterpillar
- Snail Trail
- Superworm
- First Facts – Bugs and other information texts

Family Bag

We are introducing a 'family bag' to the children again this half term and they will each have a turn to take it home. We ask that you help them to select four items that are special to them and their family to go in the bag. It could be a special toy, a photo or something linked to interests outside of Pre-school. The children will then bring the bag back to Pre-school and show the special items to the group. This is to develop speaking and listening skills and will also develop the children's confidence talking to others.

Transition

To help the children's transition to school we will be meeting with Year R staff at our local schools and a member of the Year R team at NBIS will be visiting on Friday 24th May.

Toileting

We will be expecting our older children who start school in September to manage all their

own toileting needs. Please help them to practice doing this at home.

Appropriate clothing, footwear and suncream

Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear to Preschool. We will be using the park, field and woods and the children will need to be able to run around easily. Wellies are not suitable as the children can't climb easily in the park when wearing them and they find it difficult to sit on the mats when playing inside.

If we do have a spell of hot weather, please ensure your child brings a sun hat and has sun cream applied. We are not able to put sun cream on the children but if it is particularly hot, they can bring a roll on suncream in their book bag and we will supervise them using it.

Sessions in September

If you would like additional sessions next year, please make sure you have let your child's key person know by Friday 19th April. We try to accommodate current families before offering places to new children.

Fees increase

From September 2024 our fees will rise to £6.00 per hour for 3 and 4 year olds and £7.00 per hour for 2 year olds.

Tuesday 23rd April Halletts photography visiting for individual photos and a group photo.

If your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday, you are welcome to bring them to Preschool at 9.00 and we will bring them out to you when they have had their photo taken.

Save the dates:

Wednesday 10th July – Trip to Marwell for children and parents

Monday 22nd July – Leavers Tea Party

Letters providing further information about these events will be sent nearer the time.

Thursday 2nd May – Pre-school will be closed on this day as the hall is being used for a polling station

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of staff.

Many Thanks
The Hollytree Team