



Newsletter July 2019



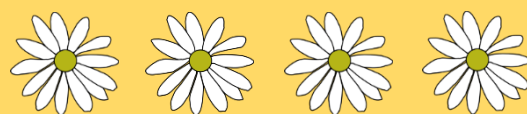
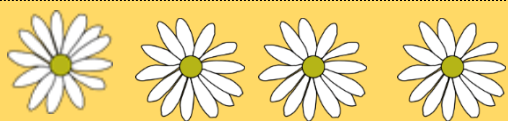
Parents/carers, please feel free to chat with staff or committee members if you need any information or have a question. We will all be happy to help or point you towards someone who can.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

Wow! How all our friends have grown, not only in height but in confidence, and in their ability to be independent young people. We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this special time in your lives but now it's time to say Goodbye and Good Luck to:

Ameila, Aminaa, Anika, Archie, Beatrice, Benjamin Cooper, Benjamin Sutton, Charlie, Cinar, Denis, Dougie, Edie, Esme, Fern, Frank, Lewis, Lily, Malakai, Marcello, Marion, Meekel, Muhammud, Noah, Sam, Sienna, Theo, and Zakariya.

You have all been amazing and we know you are just going to love your new schools.



We would like to give a MASSIVE THANKYOU to our committee for all their hard work over the last year and especially to those who are retiring now their children are leaving. Parental involvement with our committee is the lifeblood of our pre-school and critical to its future – without a committee of trustees Preschool 345 would not exist.

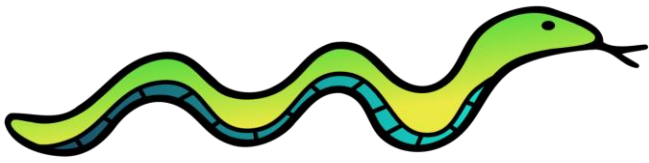
Cath, who was our chair from 2013 until Nov 2018. We were lucky enough to care for her 3 lovely children, Good Luck Cath, it's been great working with you.

Oban, who amongst many other roles, has looked after our website, and Joy who, even when her child left last year has still remained a committee member, continuing the role of secretary.

Thanks Guys x

- Our newsletter is published once every half term
- You should receive an email version during the last week of each half term
- Some paper copies are also made available on the parent/carers information table



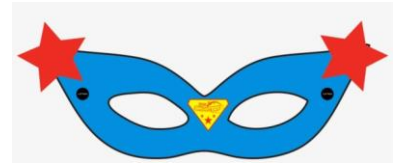


Visit from Zoo Lab

What fun we had the day a Giant Millipede called Millie, a Scorpion called Mr Grumpy, a Snake called Medusa, a Bearded Lizard (we forgot his name) and a Rat called Dumbledore came to visit on Monday afternoon.



Superhero Obstacle Course Challenge!



Lots of you came along to the sponsored obstacle course challenge where the children treated us to some summery songs then took part in the challenge dressed as superheroes! The superheroes were then rewarded with a certificate and ice pop. Don't forget to return your sponsorship money to preschool if you haven't already done so.



Mandy's Bit



Children learn speech sounds through listening to them and are great little mimics.

Summer is here so why not take a 'listening walk' in the park or sit quietly in your garden and listen to the sounds. It's fun then you mimic the noises you hear and maybe talk about what might be making those noises.

Making different sounds develops the muscles in their mouths to make different speech sounds more clearly.

For younger children using mainly one word if they say 'motorbike' to a loud noise they hear you could add 'noisy motorbike' giving them more language.

Tatty Ted Where Are You?

Tatty Ted has gone missing, again, that silly little Bear just keeps getting lost, have you seen Tatty, you may need to look high and low, far and wide, Tatty will be hiding somewhere, we miss Tatty and want Tatty back. Please have a good look.



Dr Tom's tips

Dr Tom is one of our preschool daddies and will be offering advice in each of our newsletters.



Head Lice

Head lice are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy and like something is moving in your hair. You can check whether someone has head lice by using a fine toothed comb (buy from pharmacy).

You can treat head lice without visiting your GP.

Lice can be removed by wet combing hair with a fine toothed comb. If this doesn't work after 17 days, ask your pharmacist for advice.



Last day of term is Friday 19th July



We are already looking forward to the start of next year, the first day back will be Monday 2nd September 2019.

Lindsey's bit

Although Lindsey left (ish) last year, we have been very lucky that she has continued to work for us to cover staff absent. Lindsey's excellent behaviour advice still goes on ... With the long Summer holidays upon us it can feel as though all we are saying to our children are things along the lines of "Don't do that! Come here! What are you doing? Argh!"

Try to narrow down exactly what your child is doing and when and why you find it so difficult. Concentrate on where the unwanted behaviour happens, is it always during a trip to the supermarket? Then think in what ways the experience could be altered to allow your child to behave as you want them to. Sometimes breaking it down into more manageable pieces makes it easier to deal with the 'whole thing'

Some strategies for shopping might include:

- Getting them to help write a shopping list using squiggles, letters, drawings, pictures cut and glued from magazines.
- Give them small jobs to do whilst there e.g. looking for things, picking things from the shelves and ticking items off their list.
- Praise them when they are behaving as you want them too.

(Although there might still be times when you are letting your little one have a scream or two in the middle of an aisle whilst you are pretending/wishing to be somewhere else :))

Summer Craft ideas

