



What have we been up to?

Last term we had a very busy time.

Firstly we looked at expressive arts and design, colour mixing and recycled construction. The children were encouraged to choose and explore materials to express themselves by using clay, paint, dancing and mark making resources.

Mother's Day Celebrations

We celebrated Mother's Day and all the children made an invitation and decorated their Mummy a special flower pot and chose bulbs to grow at home. Lots of Mum's then came along to celebrate this event with us and enjoyed cakes and squash being served by their little ones, followed by playing together and finally a story before the end of the afternoon.



Dance performance

The children were very excited to put on their little dance show to parents on the last Thursday of term, showing everyone what they have been learning over several Thursday afternoon sessions with Louise from Dance-Pointe. We hope those of you that came enjoyed it!

Egg Hunt



We also had our annual an Easter Egg hunt in the village which we organised along with Eastington Primary School for which we made 'Mike' from Monsters Ink who was found along the route of the treasure hunt. A very big thank you to everyone who came on the day, the lovely helpers and also parents that made eggs for the actual egg hunt. We have yet to hear how much we raised but from the turnout on the day we hope it's a good amount!

This term we are concentrating on the **world around us**, we plan to look at planting seeds at the allotment, growth and decay and the life cycle of a butterfly. We have ordered some caterpillar eggs and are looking forward to watching them evolve into butterflies, hopefully you will hear all about their progress over the next few weeks.



We are also looking at **ICT safety**, remember that children are very proficient using modern day technology and we need to help them to recognise inappropriate popups and be aware that they should immediately tell a grown up if they see something strange.

Finally we will be looking at the days of the week, time, and playing in our role play shop using money language.



Information Update

We would like to ask all parents to ensure that lunch boxes do not contain nuts please, following a recent 'best practice' course that staff attended it was also recommended that children have grapes and cherry tomatoes sliced in half to prevent choking too. Thank you.

Hot Weather ahead?!!!!

Also please remember that if it's hot (!!!!) your child will need a sun hat and cream applied before they start their day with us, named sun cream can be brought in their bag and we will reapply if necessary. Don't forget ice packs in lunch boxes too – we are being very hopeful and keeping our fingers crossed for continued sunny weather!!!!!!



Summer Term and Pre- school

We will be starting Pre School for the children who have been offered a place at Eastington Primary School on Wednesday 5th June starting at 1.45pm and finishing at 3.15pm down at the school (a letter will be sent from the school), 5 sessions in total.



The Wednesday afternoon session will continue as normal at Playgroup but since Jen and Michelle will be down at School playgroup sessions at the Community Centre will be run by Mandy and Donna.

We would also like to remind parents at this time of the importance of being on time for pick-ups, especially at the end of the day when being the only child left can be quite distressing for your child. As staff we also have on going commitments to our own families which means we need to have the room cleared and be gone by the end of our day at 3.15, so please ring ahead if you are accidently running late so we can both reassure your child and make arrangements for our own children.

We will need duty parents to help at school – please speak to a member of staff to put your name down on the list unfortunately siblings cannot be catered for at school.

Thank you.

Open afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on xxxxxxxxxxxx at 1pm, all new parents have been invited to join us for tea and biscuits to arrange start dates and share information for September.

If you know anyone who would like to find out more about our playgroup this is a great opportunity for them to come and meet us.



Summer 2019

Dates for your diary



23rd April - Colour changing flowers and food dye, exploring growth and parts of a flower.

29th April – The Very Hungry Caterpillar, healthy eating, textures and food. Life cycle of a butterfly, allotments, growing vegetables.

6th May – closed bank holiday.

7th May – continue with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, showing care and concern for bugs. Butterfly painting pictures, caterpillar counting.

13th May – ICT safety, beebots and what makes us unique.

20th May – Weather, Days of the Week, Time, scales and weighing, shop role play using money language in our play.

23rd May – last day of term

3rd June – **closed for in service day**

4th June – Playgroup start summer term (2)

Our playgroup offers care and education for all children from 2 ½ years to 4 years 11 months in a well established community based group.

We offer your children a safe and stimulating environment in which they can grow and blossom into self confident, self reliant and positive little people.

Our ultimate goal is to enable the children to have fun, explore and have the freedom to express their individuality, while forming the basis of their education.

We currently have a few spaces left and operate 4 days a week offering full and half day sessions and we accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers.

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