



Marshfield Monkeys Playgroup

April 2017 Newsletter

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break, our theme this term is 'Where We Live'

Our planning as always involves lots of activities and learning inside and outside. Children will need to be appropriately dressed for the weather during this half term as it's very changeable.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 24th April

Monkeys Playgroup re-opens 7.45am, please note that Marshfield school and Castleton Playgroup are closed for a training day. Children who are usually booked in for Lunch Club with walk over/pick up will need to be collected from Monkeys at 12.50pm for the AM Session and can arrive at 11.30/12.00 for the PM Session so that they can still use the lunch club facility unless you have contacted Monkeys to extend your child's hours.

Monday 1st May

Playgroup will be closed for the Bank Holiday (no charge for closures).

Thursday 4th May

The main hall will be used as a polling station, playgroup will open as normal.

Monkeys playgroup is 1 of 5 schools to have won a visit from Pudsey Bear and Captain Spot to thank the children for fundraising for The Big Spotacular in 2016. If you child is a bit unsure of 'characters' dressed up, please let Helen know and we can ensure they are sat with a member of staff. Please also let us know if you DO NOT give permission for photographs taken by BBC to be used in their promotional/press material.

May Half Term Holiday Club Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June.

We are open for the May half term holiday, booking forms are available in playgroup or on our website. Children who have circled 'Term time inc holidays' on their contracts will have a place reserved and will be charged their normal fee. Places for May half term need to be confirmed by Friday 5th May.

We are also taking bookings for our Summer holiday club Monday 24th July to Friday 11th August.

Monday 5th June Tempest Photography - all day.

The photographer is visiting to take individual and group photographs. For children starting school in September will be offered a graduation photograph to be taken (cap and gown etc.). If your child does not normally attend this day but would like to have their photo taken, a list of times will be made available on the parent notice board.

Amser Snac/Snack Time



Please remember to bring in a piece of fruit each session for your child to share with their friends at snack time



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Red Nose Day

Da lawn our little monkeys raised whopping £306.00 for Red Nose Day with the sale of Red Noses and a sponsored bounce.

Weather

With the weather warming up, please apply sun block to your child before arriving at playgroup. Children need to be suitably dressed ensuring shoulders are covered. We will apply sun cream at lunch time to those children staying all day or on the walk over to Marshfield Nursery or Castleton playgroup. Please label all hats and sun cream with your child's name.

Staff News

Cheryl has completed her Paediatric First Aid course and Lauren has attended a Welsh workshop. Congratulations to Zoe our breakfast club assistant on the news that she is expecting twins in October.

Diolch yn Fawr

A big thank you to Freddie and Sammy's nan for the kind donation that was used to purchase the Easter craft. Thank you to Sebastian's grandparents for inviting our older Monkeys to visit their ducklings at Gelli Ber.

Fund Raising

Congratulations to Eleanor's mum on completing the London Marathon for Diabetes UK, inspirational!

We are currently putting a team together to run, jog, walk this years' Cardiff half marathon Sunday 1st October on behalf of '19'. This local charity aims to promote mental health awareness for young people. If you would like to sign up then please send us an email and we'll send you the link. If you have already registered, send us your details and we can add you to the team. So far we have an amazing 20 runners in our team, the more the merrier!

Invoices

Invoices have been issued until Fri 26/5/17 (No charge for 1st May closure), payment is required by **05/05/17** please.

For parents wishing to pay online, our bank details are included on your child's invoice, please put your child's name in the reference so we can track payment and sign the payments book when using this method.



We can accept Childcare Vouchers as payment towards fees, if you would like to pay your fees via your Company Voucher Scheme we are registered with the following voucher schemes:

★ **Computershare Voucher services ref:** 0017534914

★ **Sodexo ref:** 824633

★ **Care4 ref:** 97597216

★ **Edenred ref:** P20769318

★ **Kiddivouchers ref:** 46586

★ **Fideliti:** MAR624C

★ **Busy Bees** Marshfield Monkeys Playgroup

★ **You at Work** Marshfield Monkeys Playgroup

Our CSSIW registration number is available upon request via email or can be located on the registration certificate on the parent notice board.

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