



Marshfield Monkeys Playgroup

April 2018 Newsletter

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break, our theme this term is 'Colours' 'Lliwiau'

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.

Helen is keen to share her outdoor learning activities, therefore please do not send your children in their 'best' clothes and footwear.

Please feel free to have a look at the activity planner which can be found above the self-registration cards for all the activities that are planned for this term.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 16th April

Monkeys Playgroup re-opens 7.45am, please note that Marshfield school and nursery are closed for a training day

Monday 7th & 28th May

Playgroup will be closed for the Bank Holidays.

Royal Wedding

We will be teaming up with Marshfield Nursery to celebrate the royal wedding – details to follow.

May Half Term Holiday Club Tuesday 29th May to Friday 1st June.

Our fun packed holiday club is open during the May half term and Summer holidays. 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 11th May. Everyone is welcome, all day sessions from £26.00.

Staff News

The team have taken part in lots of training last term to ensure their skills are kept up to date.

Natalie has completed her safeguarding, food hygiene, FGM and Prevent duty.

Nicola has updated her food hygiene. Soraya has completed her ASD awareness training.

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, to be put it into the fruit bowl upon arrival.



Lunch Club

Parents are reminded to please cut grapes and tomatoes in half (lengthways) as they pose a choking hazard. They are the perfect size to completely block a child's windpipe. Uncut fruit will be removed from your child's lunch box and sent back home. Doing such a simple thing could potentially prevent such an accident.



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Diolch Yn Fawr.

A huge Monkey thank you to Otis & Grace for looking after the caterpillars over the Easter holidays.

Well done Monkeys, we raised a **£43.95** for Sports Relief with our sponsored scoot.

Thank you everyone for your support and understanding during the snow closure last term.



Weather

Fingers cross the weather will be warming up very shortly. 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.

September 2018

Keep an eye out for the Childcare Offer for Wales scheme. It's currently being piloted in other areas around Wales and will hopefully be available in our area this September. The Childcare Offer for Wales is funding 30 hours of education and childcare for children aged 3-4 years, 48 weeks of the year (it includes 9 weeks of holiday childcare). We will keep you updated with any news on this exciting offer.

Invoices

Term time only contract invoices have been invoiced up to Fri 25/5/18 and those including holiday club have been invoiced up to Fri 1/6/18, payment is required by **27/4/18** please (No charge for 7th and 28th May Bank holiday)

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 are registered with the following childcare voucher schemes:

Computershare Voucher services ref: 0017534914

Sodexo ref: 824633

Care4 ref: 97597216

Edenred ref: P20769318

Kiddivouchers ref: 46586

Fidelift: MAR624C

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Tax-Free Childcare: Marshfield Monkeys Playgroup CF3 2UW

Our CIW registration number is available upon request, the certificate is located above the cloak room.

Marshfield Monkeys contact details 07874 232680 or email enquiries@marshfieldmonkeys.co.uk

Using a registered provider may entitle you to help with your childcare costs, call 0345 300 3900 or www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits for further information.