



THAKEHAM PRE-SCHOOL

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Hope you've all enjoyed a lovely Easter Break. A warm welcome back to Pre-School. This term we welcome some new children and their families:- **Eva, Frankie, Zak, Holly, Poppy and Thurston**

We look forward to helping them settle into life at Pre-School & make new friends..

News

- 30 hours free entitlement - Unfortunately there is still no more information than what I included in my last newsletter. Just to confirm the eligibility criteria is

'The additional 15 hours of free childcare is available for families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a long-parent family) and each parent earns the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national minimum or living wage, and earns less than £100,000.

The process will be; parents apply online and we claim the free hours in the same way that we currently claim the 15 hours. Since there is a shortfall between what the government pay and our hourly rate, to make it financially viable we are only able to offer the 30 hours to the first 10 families who confirm their eligibility. As soon as I hear that the form is available on line I will of course let you know.

- Unfortunately the hall is being used as a polling station on 4th May - and of course now the 8th June too! Regarding May 4th, please could you let me know if you would like a refund or speak to me about changing to another session (this is a little trickier now as we will do our best!)
- Easter Fayre - Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event, providing easter eggs, baked cakes etc. helped out on the day and came along on the day. We raised just over £500.00 which we were delighted with. Our fund raising events are essential in enabling us to purchase everyday equipment and new resources, particularly moving into our new Pre-School in September.



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LOTS COMING UP.....

Tuesday 2nd May - Committee Meeting - see poster for details. Everyone is very welcome, we would love to welcome some of our new families along, it's a great opportunity to meet with staff and other parents and find out what's happening behind the scenes. If you would like any more information please don't hesitate to ask!

Wednesday 3rd May - Karen, the Community Volunteer from Tesco's is coming in to do snack time, providing different tastes & textures and talking about where they come from.

Thursday 4th May - No Pre-School - we apologise for any inconvenience caused but unfortunately this is out of our hands.

Thursday 11th May - one of our ex parents is coming to visit in his RAC breakdown truck. It's always lots of fun when John visits!

Wednesday 17th May - Parents Evening. Everyone welcome, even if your child has just joined! Sign up sheets will be available soon.

Friday 19th May - RACE NIGHT - our next fund raising event. More info to follow shortly! Again we are running this in conjunction with Thakeham First School.

Monday 5th June - BAG COLLECTION

Thursday 8th June - No Pre-School

Saturday 17th June - Thakeham Village Day

Friday 14th July - SPORTS DAY & LAST DAY OF TERM

Finally I've been enjoying telling the children all about my adventures in Australia, they've loved hearing all about the koalas and kangaroos etc so I've decided to start a book about 'Countries & Places we've visited'. So please if you're going on holiday this term, please bring in any photos, leaflets, information so we can add them to our book.

Best Wishes,

Sharon Rance

Pre-School Manager.