

Chudleigh Pre-school and Rising Fives

Newsletter – Summer Term 2010 ii



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Summer is here!!

*Hasn't the weather been fantastic this month?! It has been great to have so much opportunity for the children to play outside, but with that comes the risk of sunburn etc. Please continue to make sure that you put sun cream on your child before they attend sessions and please bring a *named* sun hat for them to wear when they are outside. Thanks for all your support with this and lets hope that this fantastic weather continues into the summer hols.*

Term Dates:

Last day of summer term:

Wed 21 July

Autumn Term 2010:

Thurs 2 Sep – Fri 17 Dec

Half Term:

Mon 25 – Fri 29 Oct

Sessions for R5s in September

Thank you to all parents of children who will attend R5s in September as *all* have returned their forms and *all* have the sessions that they requested, with one exception: there will be **NO** Friday lunch club at R5s in September

Use of Technology at Chudleigh Pre-school

You will be aware that the children have access to computers at both sites as well as other forms of technology. We would like to point out that these computers are not connected to the internet and that the programmes on them are age appropriate, educational resources.

At a recent course that some supervisors attended, the story was told of a young child in New Zealand who had purchased several items online, including a JCB Digger (or similar) that cost about £8000 whilst they were 'playing' on the computer. You may have read about it in the press. The following website was recommended for giving guidance on the use of computers and the internet with children and we pass that on to you as we are aware that many children have access to computers at home: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

If you would like more information about use of cameras and other technology at pre-school, please see our Confidentiality and Data Protection Policy, a copy of which can be found outside both sites.

From the Supervisors...

Our new theme to take us through to the end of term is:

SUMMER TIME AT PRE-SCHOOL AND IN OUR COMMUNITY.

We will be focusing in on our Fun Afternoon at the Cricket Field on Tues 29 June 1:30-3:00pm with its sponsored walk and cream teas! The supervisors will be organising the annual team races and activities throughout the afternoon for the children and we hope to see you there, even if you have no sponsors for the walk – all are very welcome.

Carnival time is fast approaching and the children will soon be starting all of the large creative art work to decorate the float. *A note from the committee: **HELP!** If we don't get any volunteers to help decorate the float over a couple of evenings and then on the day of the carnival, then there won't be a float! If you can help, please let Amanda know on 852089. Thanks.*

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parent consultations before half term. We found the a very informative and worthwhile experience and hope that you did too. We believe that parents are the children's first teachers and we value very highly all that you can tell us about your child's development and what is going on in their life. After the consultations, many of you took the opportunity to take your child's profile home with you to look at. As you will know, these profiles are a joint document built up by you, their parents/carers, and us, the Pre-school, to form a rounded picture of your child.

In order for us to know more about those 'special moments' that happen outside Pre-school, and to include these in their profile, we invite you to fill in our **WOW! Cards**. You may want to tell us something new that your child has done (such as when they made a fantastic model of a rocket and told you about it) or you might want to tell us about a special event or experience that they have had. Any information that helps us all to build up a more rounded picture of your child is of value! If you feel that you would like to add a photo then you are very welcome to do so.

Please fill in the attached card as and when you wish and hand it in to any of our staff – and please feel free to ask for more whenever you need!

The Rising Fives staff are looking forward to meeting the new children at their trial session on Tuesday 6 July *OR* Thursday 15 July so please remember these dates if they apply to you.

We also take this opportunity to wish everyone a great summer holiday and all the best to those children who will be starting Big School in September.

Increase and changes to sessions for after Summer

If you would like to change or increase your sessions, please complete the slip below and return by Wednesday 7 July. Don't forget that you can claim up to 15 hours per week of free childcare. The options are as follows:

Mornings/Afternoons: 2½ hours; Lunch clubs: 1 hour;

Extended day: 5½ hours;

We would like to offer lunch clubs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for those children who attend the morning session on those days. Please bear in mind that should there not be enough uptake, the lunch club will not run.

If your child attends more than the 15 hours allocation, you will be charged at £3.62 per hour.

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Increasing sessions for September: Town Hall

Child's Name:

I would like my child to attend the following in September:

(Please circle the relevant times.)

Mon am (2½ hours) Mon pm (2½ hours) All day Mon TH (5½ hrs)

Tue am (2½ hours) Tue lunch club (1 hour)

Wed am (2½ hours) Wed pm (2½ hours) All day Wed TH (5½ hrs)

Thu am (2½ hours) Thu lunch club (1 hour)

Fri am (2½ hours) Fri lunch club (1 hour)

This adds up to hours.

I understand that if this is more than 15 hours, I have to pay for the extra at the rate of £3.62 per hour for the term. If this is the case, we will send you an invoice payable before the end of term.

Signed Parent / Guardian

Date