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June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a nice half term.

**Clothing**

Please may I remind you to put a named sun hat in your child’s bag and also put sun cream on your child before they come in to preschool now that the nice weather is here.

**Sports Day and End of Term Picnic**

Sports day is due to be held on Tuesday 16th July at the slightly later time than I put in my last newsletter, it will be from 10.30- 11.30am.

**Please note a couple of things:**

**Firstly, if it is raining on that day Sports day will be cancelled**.

**And secondly, there will be NO afternoon session on this day**

If your child normally attends a Tuesday session, then please bring them to preschool at the normal time of 9.00am. If your child doesn’t attend Preschool on a Tuesday, then you are still more than welcome to join us on that morning, but please arrive with your child just before Sports day commences around 10.20am. This is due to the number of children allowed to attend Preschool in one session.

After the races have finished we will celebrate any birthdays that are taking place during the holidays and maybe say ‘Goodbye” to some of our children who will be leaving us.

After Sports day has finished there will be an end of term picnic, this will take place whether it is raining or not on the same day, Tuesday 16th July. If it is raining the picnic will be in the hall and everyone is Welcome to come and join us at 12.00pm even if your child isn’t in that day.

You will need to bring a packed lunch for yourself and your child/ren and a rug would be useful to.

**Please note that although some of the staff will be attending the picnic you will be in charge of your own children once we have handed them over to you.**

**Leavers**

We will be saying goodbye to the children who will be leaving us on the last week of term from Monday 15th July. I will send out a slip with the date we will be saying goodbye to your child soon.

**Sickness**

Parents must keep any child at home who has an infection. You are also asked not to bring any child into pre-school who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until a clear **48 hours** has elapsed (this is a Health & Safety recommendation). If your child comes in before this time they will not only infect the other children but the staff as well.

Please may I remind you to inform us before 09.00am on the following number (07480369531) if your child is sick and will not be in pre-school, as we need to keep a record of children who are absent. If a child is continually absent it will be necessary for us to inform Ofsted.

Parents will be informed if there are any infections such as head lice, impetigo or other infectious diseases which may affect other children or their parents.

**Gates**

As you know, both the gates lead on to the road from the garden. Therefore, please can you make sure the gate is closed and the chain is on the hook **every time** you come in or out of the gate. It is necessary that you do this for the safety of all of the children.

**Lunch Club**

Now that the weather is a little bit warmer, please could you place a small Ice Pack in your child’s lunch bag to keep their food fresh.

Also, just to remind you **NOT** to give your child anything in their lunch that contains **NUTS,** this includespesto.

Please could you also name your child’s lunch box and provide them with a drink.

**Dates for Your Diary**

Wednesday 3rd July – Red group consultations

Thursday 4th July – Red group consultations

Monday 8th July – Red group consultations

Thursday 9th July – Red group consultations

Thursday 11th July – Transition Day / New Red group children

Tuesday 16th July – Sports Day 10.30-11.30am (if it is not raining)

Tuesday 16th July – End of term picnic 12.00pm onwards (everyone is welcome)

**Thursday18th July** – Last day of term

Tuesday 3rd September – First day of Autumn term

**Website**

Just a reminder to use our website - [www.urcpreschool.com](http://www.urcpreschool.com) to access any relevant information you may need about the pre-school in addition to any current updates such as newsletters from myself and the PTA.

**Facebook Page**

We have also recently set up a new Face book page for the URC preschool. This will be a closed group, just for the parents of the children attending the URC. It would be great if everyone could sign up to the page as are hoping to use it like the website by putting important and relevant information and notices on there.

**Library**

Please remember that at the end of each session you will be able to choose a book with your child from one of our 2 trolleys. There will be a book next to one of the trolleys where you will need to write down your child’s name and the name of the book you are borrowing. We then ask you to sign it back in when you return it to us

**Collecting Children**

As you know the safety of your children is important at all times and this is why we have the password system in place when the children are being collected. Please remember if you are not collecting your child, then the person collecting him/her will need the current password. We feel that this system, now widely used in pre-schools is an extra addition to our usual thorough security measures. If you are unsure about the password system, please have a word with me.

In addition, please can you remember to sign your child out of pre-school after each session. Please also tell either me or a member of staff if you have a new phone or mobile number.

**Fruit/Vegetable Basket**

Last term we really appreciated the donations of fruit and vegetables we received from parents and the children had a great variety of different things to try. It would be great if you could continue to keep our fruit bowl full of contributions.

**PTA**

Please find below the details of a couple of events that the PTA have coming up:

1, The Fun Run at the Oval on Saturday 22nd June starting at 1.30pm at Highfield Oval, Harpenden AL5 4BX.

2, The PTA social evening on Saturday 22nd June at the Old Cock Inn from 8pm

Kind regards

Lorraine