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**Spring 2016**

 To all Parents and Carers of

 Little Andy Pandy

Pre-school.

Just a quick newsletter to keep you up-to-date with group news and dates

Welcome to our spring newsletter. The children have all settled well into group after the Christmas break –which seems a long time ago now.

 **Andy Pandy Pre-School Nativity Play and Christmas party**

Thank you for dropping the children at Andy Pandy’s for this event, the children were very well behaved and sat watching the older children preforming the play –hopefully taking it all in as they will all be taking part this Christmas coming. Thank you for all the food you supplied for the Christmas party at Little Andy Pandy’s –the children enjoyed the Boogie Mites session we included during the party.

**Holiday Dates**

We will break for Easter on Thursday 17th and reopen on Tuesday 5th April 16.

**Contact Details**

We now have a mobile for Little Andy Pandy’s**, if you need to ring on a day the group is open please use this number 07564982042** and please add this number to your phone contacts. All other contact details remain the same-

Portchester Hub -02392 2120048

Andy Pandy Pre-School 02392 374684

Andy Pandy Mobile - 07719 046743

 E-mail andypandy@portchesterca.org.uk.

Please remember to ring/text or e-mail if your child is not going to be in on a day they are due so we can mark our records accordingly. Please remember Andy Pandy’s is open every day so if you wish to contact us on a day when Little Andy Pandy’s is currently closed please ring or e-mail using the other contact details.

**Spring Fee Payments**

These will be sent out this week, my apologies for the delay –we are currently uploading data onto a new software system which is taking longer than I hoped.

**World Book Day Thursday 3rd March 16**

As a group we like to take part in this day, we would like to invite the children to bring in their favourite storybook and dress up on the day if they would like to (as the staff will be). We will be doing some fun activities.

**Outdoor clothing and Lunchboxes**

Could you please make sure you have put your child’s name on any items of clothing and on their lunchboxes to help the children with their independence, name recognition and to help save time.

Can you make sure that your child has a coat in group each day even if you come in by car as they do go outside even in cold weather, thank you.

**Outdoor play area**

We are currently looking into ideas for this area and are hoping to get it under way in the not too distant future so please bear with us a little longer on this one.

We may well escape this one this year but just in case please remember that if it does snow and we have to close I will ring around everyone affected on the day first thing in the morning, our closure will go out through Hampshire county councils schools website and be announced on all local radio stations along with other schools and settings. Please ring the mobile number if you are not sure on the day as I will have this with me.

**Sainsbury’s Vouchers**

These are back in store again and we are collecting these so we can order some outdoor equipment for the group –I am currently waiting for a box to arrive but in the meantime if you have any please give them to one of the girls.

Thank you in advance for your help in collecting these.

**Snow Closure Procedure**

Sorry but this is a possibility- if we are going to be closed on any day due to snow parents will be given a phone call on the day –I normally make a decision by about 7 in the morning so expect a call any time after that (if you change your number over the Christmas please ensure we have the new details). You will also be able to check on the Hampshire County council website for school closures and most local radio stations read the list out- a message will be left on both the mobile numbers and on the PCA website and face book page.

**Extra Days/ hours 2016.**

We are currently advertising for new staff to join our little team and hope to have someone in place as from April which will enable us to open extra days and to more children. As soon as we have a start date for this I will let you all know –we are looking to open on a Friday as from April so if you would be interested in your child coming in on a Friday please speak to Sophie or e-mail me, thanks.

**Advanced notice of dates**

**Portchester Gala** will take place on Saturday 18th June this is organised by Portchester Community Association and as normal we will be participating. As you can imagine this takes a vast amount to organise and we rely on volunteers to help out with various tasks on the day –if anyone feels they would like to get involved and help out even for a short time please just let us know.

**Summer Trip** –due to popular demand we will return to Paultons Park again this year –I am currently sorting a date and coach hire and as soon as price /date is confirmed I will send out the information.

**Teddy Bear’s Picnic** – this takes place in our garden at the community centre and all the children from both settings and their families are invited to join us this will be on Tuesday 19th July 16- full details will be issued in the summer newsletter but please if you can keep this date free.

**Bev, Sophie and Jodie**

**Little Andy Pandy Pre-School**