

Whirlybobs Pre-school



Newsletter 100, May 2017

Whirlybobs' Warm Welcome

We're well into Summer Term and it's been a warm welcome indeed – we have enjoyed some lovely sunny weather (plus a few rainy days too!) The children have had a lovely term so far, our weekly themes have included Easter celebrations at the start, plus Gardening, School, Builders' Yard and Garages. Coming up, we're looking forward to learning about Doctors, Sea Creatures and lots more.

We have been playing, creating, discovering and learning based around our weekly themes. We enjoyed Easter art and learned about bunnies (especially looking outside in our lovely open space for rabbit burrows!), been digging and planting seeds, searching for bugs in the bug hotel, drawing bug art, plus practising the alphabet and fine motor skills by drawing around letter shapes.

Fundraising

Thank you for support at our Easter Disco back in March, children had great fun and we raised £180. Our Bingo Night was a fabulous success, raising £330. The next event is **Quiz Night 9pm Tuesday 23rd May** at Hewas Inn, plus raffle with great prizes. Please join us.

Another easy way to help your pre-school is to register us as a cause at www.easyfundraising.com

Parents – We Need You!

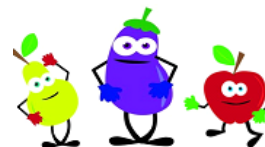
Please help for an hour or so every couple of months at Whirlybobs' Committee. We're run as a charity and welcome parent members at our friendly and relaxed meetings. Please ask Vickie, our Pre-school Leader, for more details.

**Next meeting 7:30pm Monday
5th June @ Hewas Inn**

Nippers' Nutrition

Children enjoy sharing healthy snacks together such as fruit, vegetables, sugar-free baked beans, cheese, pasta, houmous, breadsticks, yoghurt.

We ask for a contribution; a variety of fruit 'n veg each day please



Getting Ready for School

Congratulations to our older children who all have their chosen school places for September. This is a new, exciting and possibly worrying time so we are talking about what happens at big school and answering their questions, and concentrating on building confidence, plus letter sounds and numbers.

Circle Time is an important part of Whirlybobs' routine with the children, when we all sing the Good Morning song and learn our Makaton signs of the week. *Wherever possible, we ask our children to arrive on time in the morning for this.*

All children enjoy and benefit from this structure plus it helps readiness for school, even if school seems a very long way off for some of you! 😊

Learning Journeys

Children learn through play. We engage in a wide variety of play at Whirlybobs, whilst following the Early Years Foundation Stage. *Please talk to us if you'd like to know more about what your child has been doing with us, or arrange to come in and view your Learning Journey.*

Activities to try at home

Make a bird feeder together using scooped out orange halves filled with peanut butter and bird seed. Thread with string, hang outside and enjoy.

Look out for words, names and sounds for the **letters S, B, C and G.**

REMINDERS

Please apply sun cream, and pack sunhats and water bottles in warmer weather.

As some of the activities we do can be messy, we advise a change of clothes is packed. Whirlybobs T-shirts and sweatshirts are available to buy to protect clothes.

We appreciate prompt payment of invoices. As a small charity, it consumes valuable time chasing payments. Please refer to our Payments Policy or ask staff.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 20 th May 2017, 11am–2pm	Whirlybobs Open Day and Messy Play
Tuesday 23 rd May 2017, 9pm	Quiz Night and Raffle, Hewas Inn
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half term
Friday 16 th June	Race Night (<i>date and venue to be confirmed</i>)
17 th –25 th June Sticker Carnival week	Fete Saturday 17 th , 'Wild West' Parade Sunday 25 th