APPLE TREE PRE-SCHOOL

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| Apple Tree Pre-School aims to:  - provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age;  - work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;  - add to the life and well-being of the local community; and  - offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity. |
| Apple Tree on the Beach  After our successful beach theme last month, we are trying it again for children that may have missed out. Apple Tree will become a beach again on Tuesday 8th July. This is for children that normally attend a Tuesday. Please send your child with a bucket and spade, ensuring that both are clearly named. |
| Toys  There have been a few toy issues at pre-school recently so please ensure your child leaves theirs at home so they do not get lost or broken. If your child has a particular reason they wish to show and tell then please speak to Michelle on the door. |
| Final Term  We are now well into term 6 and 33 children will be leaving us this year to begin their journey into reception.  We wish them all the best of luck and are very sad to see them go.  The final day at pre-school will be the party on Monday 21st July. Please feel free to come back and visit us. |
| End of Term Party  We have hired ‘Ace Entertainment’ as our professional childrens entertainer this year. John has visited us before and will be performing ‘The Funky Puppet Show’ for us. A voluntary contribution of £1.50 has been requested to help cover the cost.  Please drop your child off at the usual door at 9.50am, unless a 9’o’clock drop off has been agreed. Staff and committee will manage the party and we request that parents/carers leave as quickly as possible so the party can begin promptly.  A plate/bag will be sent home w/c 7th July. Please use this for your childs party food which you are required to provide. This will avoid the need to return plates to parents at the end of party.  Please bring food on the day and leave on table in corridor, where you would normally leave their packed lunch box  Please do not bring a drink for your child as drinks will be provided.  There will be a short graduation ceremony for children that are leaving us and parents/carers of these children are invited to return at 11.40am to watch their child be presented with a hat and certificate. Photos are permitted but of your own child only.  Parents/carers of remaining children are welcome to join us at 11.40am or collect your child at 12’o’clock if preferred.  Staff will be in uniform but children may wear party clothes. |
| Concept Photography  A big thank you for your orders this year. We do hope you were all pleased with your photos.  This is one of our main fundraisers and you managed to raise £143.00 commission for our fundraising account. Thank you. |
| Contacting Pre-School Phone  We would like to apologise if you have experienced problems trying to contact pre-school by phone. Unfortunately we do have a very bad signal and regularly get cut off during conversations. This matter is being looked into and will hopefully be sorted very soon.  If possible could you please ring before 1pm unless it is an emergency as Michelle will be on premises until then and will be able to deal with your call. |
| Teacher Visits  Some children have had a chance to meet their new reception teachers at pre-school. We have had a visit from St Stephen’s, Kings Forest and Charborough Road School. All visits went very well and the children enjoyed them. Tynings School will be visiting us on Monday 7th July. |
| The Book People  Chris, our regular book man, has brought in some new books for us to have a look at. He will be collecting any orders on Monday 14th July but could we please have them ready by Friday 11th July as he sometimes arrives at 9am.  When placing an order, please hand money to Michelle or any member of staff. |
| Summer Family Hamper  We will be organising a family summer hamper to raffle on the final day of term. A list of required items will be displayed in the lobby shortly. Many of the items can be purchased at Poundland. Please contribute if you are able to do so to help make this a successful fundraising event. Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly. |
| Parent Helpers  A big Thank you to all the parent helpers that helped out during May 2014. These were Lorna Ricketts, Tina Sheeley, Caroline Harris, Lynsey Turner, Keela Bouchier, Emma Tilley and Yvonne (Ava’s nan). Thank you all for your continued support. |
| World cup 2014  To celebrate the world cup we will be holding a world cup themed day on Thursday 26th June. This will only be for children that normally attend this day. We ask children to wear football tops or England colours. There will be a penalty shootout, a football themed snack and a football prize for the child that scores the most goals. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child and any surplus money will go towards fundraising. Letters will be sent out shortly. |
| Inset Day Reminder  Please remember that Friday 27th June will be an inset day as Apple Tree are holding a meeting for new parents and children that will be joining us in September 2014. |
| End of term trip  Avon valley has been booked for Thursday 17th July. Details to follow shortly. |
| End of term party  Our party is being held on Monday 21st July. This will be our final day of term. Details to follow shortly. |
| Inset Days 2014-2015  A few of you have asked if these have been set. We are currently looking at this and will inform you as soon as dates are set. Thank you for your patience. |
| Lost Property  Please remember to name your child’s property. All unclaimed property will be recycled at the end of term. |
| Donations  Thank you to everyone that has donated toys during May 2014. The children are enjoying them. Donations are always welcome. |
| Term Dates: June-July  Mon 2nd June – Tues 22nd July |
| Remaining Inset Days  -Friday 27th June  -Monday 21st July (PM)  -Tuesday 22nd July |
| Uniform Shop  Please see Michelle if you wish to place an order for uniform.  Prices:  T-Shirt £6.50  Polo Shirt £9.50  Sweatshirt £11.00  Sizes: (1-2yrs) (3-4yrs) and (5-6yrs) |
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