



FIRST STEP PRE-SCHOOL

CTK Newsletter—Term 6 (Mornings)

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Welcome back—We hope you had a good half-term break. As you can see we have a very busy final term to end the school year, so please make a note of these important dates and keep your eyes open for further dates to be advised in due course. If you are going on holiday and haven't filled in a holiday form, please let us know the dates you will be away.

Sun safety—Now summer has arrived, I would like to remind you to send your child with a hat (named please) and ensure you apply sunscreen to protect them when playing outside. Pre-school staff are unable to apply sunscreen but protective wipes and roll-ons are quite easy for a child to apply themselves, if you think they are capable.



Sports Day—We would like to invite you to come and support the children at our Fun Sports Day and join us afterwards for a family picnic on the school field as long as the weather is fine. This will take place on Wednesday 16th June at 11.00am. If your child does not normally attend on Wednesday please bring them along at the start to join in the fun. If you are unable to come and join us, you may want to send a packed lunch for your child and collect them at 12.00pm. **Please** can you make sure your child wears footwear suitable for running and if possible a T-shirt or top the same as their colour group (if in doubt—please ask). Thanks.

Reports of Progress—The children's up to date Keywork files and Celebrating My Learning forms will be sent home in the first week for you to look at. We would ask that you make a comment in the box marked Comment from my Parent/Carer and return everything to us as quickly as you can. We will then be offering you a chance to discuss your child's progress, if you wish, at a meeting with their keyworker, so if you are unsure what to write, you can discuss this too. We are aiming to be as flexible as possible with appointment times and hope to offer times at the beginning or end of a session, after school or early evening.

Tesco Visit—We have arranged to take the children to Tesco to find out more and see behind the scenes on Tuesday 22nd June at 9.15am. We will meet at the store entrance at 9.15am and will need parental help for the duration of the visit and to transport children back to pre-school afterwards. This visit will only be possible if we have enough help to maintain a ratio of one adult to two children. It has always been a very enjoyable and worthwhile visit, so **please** check you diaries and sign up to help. As always, if your child does not normally attend on Monday they will be welcome to join us. We will also try to arrange a visit to the Library.

School Visits—The local schools will be arranging induction visits for your children this term, so if you need to pick them up early or bring them to pre-school late, just let us know and we will be happy to oblige. These visits are important to the children to ease their transition into school.



Other Events—Towards the end of term the children will be putting on a short concert for you, to celebrate the last year. It will be held in the school hall and full details will be advised as soon as we have a definite date. Also during the last week we will invite the children to come in dressed as either pirates or princesses. Please look out for the poster giving details.

Theme for Term 6 Moving

Dates for Your Diary

16.06.10 : Sports Day & Family Picnic
18.06.10 : Summer Trip to Cattle
Country
22.06.10 : Visit to Tesco
24.06.10 : Open Day
25.06.10 : Police visit
01.07.10 : Fashion Show
03.07.10 : Thornbury Carnival
07.07.10 : Committee Meeting





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End of Year Party—The Leaver's Party will be held jointly with our Crossways Site, at the Turnberrie Centre (where the Christmas Party was held) on Friday 16th July. Please bring your child to the hall at 9.15am and collect them at 11.45am. There will be an entertainer and we will provide them with snacks and drinks, but please let us know if they have any particular dietary requirements. If you have any questions, please ask.

Summer Trip—The trip to Cattle Country is on Friday 18th June and as the majority of children will be going there will be no pre-school session that day, although the staff will be using the time for reflecting and evaluating on the past year.

Leavers Book—We have very much enjoyed looking after your children during their time with us and we hope we have helped prepare them for moving on to school. During the term we will put out the Leavers Book and invite you to make a comment—it gives us fond memories when we look back at your comments in the future. Thank you.

World Cup—The Football World Cup is fast approaching and will provide the children with lots of learning opportunities. We will talk about the countries taking part, their kits and flags and the results. Please let us know which team you are supporting and why. Of course everyone will be encouraged to wear their football shirts if they have one.

Open Day—This site is holding an Open Day jointly with Christ the King School on Thursday 24th June from 9.30-11.30am and 1.45-2.45pm, so if you have any friends/neighbours with young children, please send them along to see us in action. We would very much appreciate it if a few parents could volunteer to show visitors from the school Reception to the pre-school. If you can help please speak to Jenny.