

DONKEY FIELD NEWS

Welcome to our termly newsletter, January 2019

The children have been engaging in activities related to space and planets.

The learning objective of these activities has enabled the children to have a clearer understanding of the world around them. They have been learning about each planet's characteristics, including size, colour and if they are hot or cold.



We have been reading the Aliens love Underpants, Come to Tea at Planet Zum Zee and The dinosaur that Pooped a Planet.

In addition, we have been discussing seasons, and how the environment changes.

Within our themes, we continue to link the learning to mathematical development, phonetic sounds and learning in all other areas through play.

Term Dates
for your
Diary

Winter 2019

This half term we will close on the 15th February and re open on Monday 25th February.

Staff inset training day

Thursday March 14th PM session.

All term dates are on our website, Facebook and on the notice board.

Next full child development reports will be completed by first week of April 2019.

Registered charity no.:
1035097

Help Needed

If anyone would like to help with fundraising or become an active part of the main officer's role within the committee, please speak with a member of staff.

Your help is vital to support the financial fundraising, to enable the charity to provide resources and trips.

We encourage parents to come and help in session time and enjoy the activities.



Fundraising Dates

Our annual Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 15th June 2019
More details to follow

AGM

All welcome to come along, provide suggestions, ideas or become part of our fundraising team.
Monday 28th January 2019 at 7PM at the Havens

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As many of you are aware, the door at pick up time can become very congested. We would like to politely request that if parents/carers have questions or information that requires a member of staff, can they please wait until all of the children have safely left the setting, thank you.

Helpful websites

There are some free online training courses for parents/carers, which can provide some helpful tips with children's eating, sleep patterns and general development.

The Solihull approach has been recommended by WSCC.

www.solihullapproachparenting.com

www.westsussex.gov.uk can also be useful for any free funding questions you may have.

Donkey Field Eeyore passport

If you would like to take Eeyore and his passport on your holidays or days out then please speak to a staff member. This gives the children an opportunity to take photographs and for the parent to write in the child's words about their adventures.

This activity has proven an excellent way to share information, to celebrate diverse cultures and for children to have the confidence to share personal experiences.

If you would like any information regarding this, please speak to a member of staff.



Company Funding

Many companies have a company funding program where colleagues can increase a fundraising/sponsored event total by matching (usually up to a set annual limit) to the total. Please do remember to check your Corporate Responsibility policy at work and let us know if you could help us increase our funding in future.

If you would like a copy of the Privacy Notice, please contact us at info@donkeyfield.co.uk or via telephone on 01342 717877. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

Lending Library

At The Donkey Field Pre School, we have a large selection of books which your child/children may borrow.

This is a great way to assist children to settle within the setting.

In addition, it is a valuable tool to support children to engage with literacy.

Please speak to a member of the team if you would like to borrow a book from our stock.



FUN ACTIVITY

Shaving Foam Planet Play

Make textured marbled pictures using shaving foam and paint.
A great fun craft activity, which children will love.

You will need.....

White shaving foam
Paint
Something to mix with
PVA glue

Squirt some shaving foam into a container, add a few drops of paint or food colouring and a little PVA glue.



Parent Helpers

As you are aware we are a charity run pre-school, working very hard to provide an excellent curriculum for the children.
With extra help from parent or grandparents, we can ensure the sustainability for outings within the local area and planned days out to the library etc.

If you are interested in helping on an ad hoc bases, please speak to Coral or Maria as we appreciate your time.

New uniform

For new orders, please hand in your uniform order forms addressed to Donkey Field Uniform.

Red book bags with the, The Donkey Field Pre-School logo are also available at a cost of £5 each.

Second hand uniform

From time to time, we have a stock of second hand uniform which has been donated by parents for re-sale.

All proceeds of these sales go to the pre-school to pay for extra resources. Please contact us if you are interested in purchasing any uniform.

If you have finished with any uniform, and would like to donate, please make sure it is in a clean, resalable condition and hand into the pre-school.

Committee

Current Management Committee Officers:

Rachel Mears - Chair
James Wickerson - Vice Chair
Pam Packham - Treasurer
Amy Chapman - Secretary

Fundraising Committee:

Lisa Evans
Michelle Singleton
Nicola Marriot
Pat Eunson

The fundraising committee are responsible for organising fundraising events that take place throughout the year. If you would like to join the committee or help at a fundraising event please contact Christine Bell or another committee member.

Keep In Touch

Keep up to date by joining our Facebook group and visiting our Website which are regularly updated with important dates and information.

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