



Forest Room Preschool Newsletter Summer 2019

Welcome to the Summer Term! Lets hope we have some nice weather soon! The Summer term is packed with lots of exciting events and activities.

We only have 11 weeks left before the children leave us, so we want to make the most of our time together.

There are lots of important dates and information below, we will try our hardest to keep you up to date

CONFIRMATION OF SCHOOL PLACE

Please could you let us know what school your child will be attending in September 2019. We would like to make contact with them asap to arrange visits by teachers to Cornmeadow.

PRE-SCHOOL TRIP

This will take place on Wednesday 19th June to All Things Wild. You should have received a letter asking if you are happy for your child to take part, consent forms & itinary.

LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPH

This will take place on Wednesday 15th May. This is a lovely keepsake of your child's friends and staff here at Cornmeadow. If your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday session we would love them to come in at the allocated time for their group. Please speak to your child's key person who will tell you the time.

PARTNERSHIP FUN MORNING

We belong to a partnership group of nurseries, pre-schools and schools in the local area. Every year one of the schools hold a fun morning for everyone in the group. This will take place on Friday 28th June, we only have capacity to take the children who attend on that day.

A consent letter will follow shortly.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Northwick Manor Primary school have invited all those children who will be starting in September 2019, to this picnic. Children who attend Cornmeadow on this day will be escorted down by a team of staff. Those children who don't attend that day and would like to attend have the opportunity to meet us there.

A consent letter will follow shortly

SPORTS DAY

This will take place on
Wednesday 22nd May @ 10am on the field
behind the premises. Weather permitting!
If the ground is wet, due to health & safety it will
be cancelled, but we will try our best to get
another date before we break for the summer.
Children who don't attend on this day, must
arrive at Cornmeadow at 9.30am dress in their
PE kit, they will be escorted by staff to the field
with their team

PRE-SCHOOL PROM & FAREWELL CONCERT

This special occasion will take place on Friday 19th July. The prom party will take place in the morning and the farewell concert will start at 1.30pm at Perdiswell Young Peoples Leisure Centre. Invitations will be sent out nearer the date, detailing what will happen during the day.

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY!

HOME TOYS

This term we would really appreciate no toys coming in from home. Home toys can broken or lost and then children get upset. It is also preparation for school 'readiness' to leave toys at home, this will be the case in September.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Booking forms are now available on the website.

Last year we experienced high volumes of attendance, we have already had a high up take for this, so we have put a limit on places.

Don't leave it too late and be disappointed.

The cut off date is Friday 28th June.

PRE-SCHOOL LITERACY HOME PACKS

Heather is our Literacy Co-ordinator and is doing a fantastic job preparing the children for school through the Letters & Sounds programme, which is a government requirement for Early Years settings. Due to the children's enthusiasm learning their phonic sounds we would like to introduce you to The Oxford Reading Tree which is a reading scheme that most schools start with. We have put together some packs and thought it might be nice for you to share this at home with your child and get to know the characters within the stories.

- Packs will be available on arrival in the morning on the Literacy table.
- You must sign a pack out when you take and sign the pack in when you return it.
- There are activity sheets which your child can do and keep.
- These pack cost money to set-up and reproduce, please take care of the books and make sure everything is in the bag when it is returned.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

If you have any concerns or questions about any aspect of our provision, please share them with us. We want everyone to be happy and confident at Cornmeadow Early Years & Families and we can only make this happen when the partnership between us is honest, happy and trustworthy. We have a number of ways you can contact us or feedback your thoughts: -

- Speak to Lorraine or Karen
- Speak to your child's key person
- Telephone us on 01905-455396 any time between 7.30am & 6pm
- Email us on <u>lorraine@cornmeadow.co.uk</u>
- Send a message in your child's Daily Diary
- Comments/Compliments/Complaints form in the foyer

DROPPING OFF & COLLECTING PROCEDURES

Please let the Manager/Deputy know if anyone different is dropping or collecting your child. We have clear polices, practices and procedures, which you would have received with the Admission Documents to read and sign. Family or friends who pick up on a regular basis will have their photograph taken and placed in our Photographic Evidence book. Legislation also requires that we hand children over to a responsible adult, this means someone over the age of 16.

WE HAVE A DUTY & RESPONSABILTY OF CARE AND WILL THEREFORE NOT LET ANY
CHILD LEAVE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT

MAIN DOOR, CAR PARK & GATES

Due to safeguarding and security there are only certain members of staff who can open the front door. Please don't think staff are ignoring you if they don't open when passing, they will get someone in authority to do so immediately.

If you are waiting in the foyer please don't open the door, again this is a safeguarding and security issue.

Due to recent events in Worcester and nationally, we have been advised to produce a 'Lockdown Policy' this is for the safety and protection of everyone in our building. Therefore internal doors to classrooms will locked at all times.

Parents have brought to my attention the single gate that opens onto the public pathway that sometimes it is open. Concerns about children running onto the road have been raised. If possible please remember to close it.

We have had a few issues with children and adults walking across the car park when cars have been moving, please can you use the small gated entrance which is for pedestrians only.

Once your child has been signed and handed over to you they are in your care and the responsibility is yours. It is very difficult for us to police children once they have evacuated the classroom into the foyer or outside, but we are mindful and try to work in partnership with all families.

Please also be mindful of siblings, they are not our responsibility when on the premises.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Summer term starts – 29th April 2019
Bank Holiday closed – 6th May 2019
Leavers Photographs – 15th May 2019
Northwick Manor Teddy Bears Picnic – 17th May 2019
Sports Day – 22nd May 2019
Half term – 27th – 31st May 2019
Partnership Interviews – Commencing 10th June 2019
Pre-school trip – 19th June 2019
Partnership Fun Day – 28th June 2019
Pre-school Prom & Farewell Concert – 19th July 2019

Contact Details

Telephone – 01905-455396 (7am-6pm) Email – <u>lorraine@cornmeadow.co.uk</u> Fees – <u>annette@cornmeadow.co.uk</u> General – <u>hello@cornmeadow.co.uk</u> Website – www.cornmeadow.co.uk





This term we are looking at.....



• If any parent/carer or family member has a hobby or particular interest and feel it will enhance the children's learning experiences, we would love to welcome you into our setting. Please speak to Julie