April 2022

Dear parents/ carers,

Welcome back to term 5 and we hope you all had a lovely Easter enjoying the sunshine.

**Funding forms and invoices**

We will be handing out invoices and funding forms from Tuesday for you to sign and complete. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Helen at [woodpeckerstreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:woodpeckerstreasurer@gmail.com).

**Committee Meeting**

We will be holding our next Committee meeting on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm at Woodpeckers. If you would like to pop along to meet our committee and see what joining entails, we would love to see you. There is always tea and biscuits, and it is a great way of becoming involved with our Preschool. Please email our Chairperson Hazel Leah at [woodpeckerschair@gmail.com](mailto:woodpeckerschair@gmail.com) if you would like any further information about this or the committee in general.

**Story Sacks and Activity Packs**

We now have story sacks and activity packs available for the children to take home and share with their parents/ carers and siblings. These are situated in the new cupboard in the porch, which will be open in the mornings so you can look as you bring them to the door. Please sign these out and back in if you borrow them so we can keep track of where they are. The children really enjoy sharing things from preschool with their families and of course if you take them home to enjoy, please share some pictures on tapestry.

**Junk Modelling**

We are running low in the junk modelling box again, so if you have any boxes you could donate the children would be very grateful, thank you.

**Easter Fundraising**

A big thank you to those of you who bought our Easter Chicks and Bunnies. We raised £89 which will be used to buy more resources for the children. We would also like to say a huge thank you our crafty grandma’s who made them for us.

**Sunshine and Suncream**

Now the weather is improving it can be quite warm in the garden, especially in the afternoons. We do have a supply of sunhats for the children to wear if the weather warrants it but if the forecast is warm could parents/ carers please apply sun cream before they bring their children in. We have a bottle of suncream we can use to top this up after lunch if needed but if your child uses a specific brand due to sensitive skin, please could you ensure there is a named bottle in their bag please. Some companies now make sunscreen that lasts all day, maybe if you are thinking of buying a new bottle for this year you could look at one of these. As I am sure you can imagine, putting sunscreen on 20 children takes a while when getting ready to go outside in the afternoons ☺

**Working Group Rota**

We have attached this term’s working group rota for your information, any donations of fruit and snack items are very much appreciated. I am sure most of our children are actually half fruit bat and it is amazing how much fruit we use each week. Thank you.

**Fundraising – other ways you can help us!**

As you will be aware, Woodpeckers is a registered Charity and relies on fundraising activities to enable us to fund the extra activities like PE sessions. There are many ways you can help us without spending any money.

**Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising –** if you shop online and you register on Amazon Smile or Easy Fundraising, you can make a contribution to Woodpeckers every time you shop! It costs you nothing and makes us money! It’s a really easy way to help!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

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**Tunbridge Wells Lotto –** do you buy a weekly lottery ticket? Did you know you can play the TW Lotto and help us too? Tickets cost £1.00 each and 50p of that ticket comes back to Woodpeckers!

**https://www.twlotto.co.uk/support/woodpeckers-pre-school**

Thank you – every penny counts and helps us offer the children more and more exciting experiences!

**Parent Questionnaires**

As part of our continuous assessment of provision we would like our parents/ carers feedback on how you feel we do daily here at Woodpeckers. We have heard that Ofsted may be in the area and if they do decide to pay us a visit they like to see the communication between the setting and you guys.

Paper copies will be available as soon as the printer ink arrives that I have just ordered ☺

**Complaints/Concerns/Feedback**

Please remember, it is our intention to work in partnership with parents/carers and we welcome your comments and suggestions on how to improve our pre-school at any time.  If you have any concerns/comments about any aspect of the pre-school provision, please do talk to either myself, Sarah or Hazel our Chair Person.  Hazel can be contacted via email at [Woodpeckerschair@gmail.com](mailto:Woodpeckerschair@gmail.com).

If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us or talk to your key person.