



Summer Term Newsletter – June 2014

Our joint Nursery and PFSU **Sports Day** is on Friday 27th June, weather permitting! The event will take place at 11.15am on the Deddington Primary School field. For those of you who have not been involved before, this is a very informal event with each child taking part in several races or activities, in small groups with others their own age. Children attending the PFSU or Nursery that morning will be taken by the staff to the event (although of course all parents are welcome to come along and watch). Children not at the PFSU or Nursery that morning are welcome to join in the fun, although they must be accompanied by an adult. Please meet us at the PFSU at 11.15am (you will need to press the buzzer on the security gate next to the school office and we will let you in). Due to the school's concerns about security we will walk to the field together once the school break time has finished and the school children are off the playground. Please bring a picnic / packed lunch for yourself and your child, which they can enjoy eating in the PFSU garden after the races. This event will **not** take place in the event of wet weather on the day. Please phone us at the Nursery or PFSU if in doubt!

Holiday club will be held at the PFSU (for Nursery and PFSU children) from 9am – 3pm weeks beginning 21st July and 28th July. For only £26 per day or £15 per half day your child will get the chance to take part in lots of exciting activities and you will get a well-earned break! Please return booking forms as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

We will be running a **Gruffalo Treasure Hunt** on Sunday 22nd June. This is aimed at the under 5's but older siblings may enjoy helping! Come to the Nursery between 11am and 12 noon to collect your activity pack, and follow clues around a short course featuring many activities. There will be a barbecue between 12 and 1pm to celebrate finishing the trail. The activity trail will cost £2.50 per child plus there will be a charge for barbecue food. Please sign up in advance at the Nursery or PFSU to guarantee your place.

Our next **Quiz Night** will take place at on Friday 27th June (doors open at 7.30 – 8pm start), at the Royal British Legion. Tickets are £6 and should be booked in advance from the PFSU or Nursery. Teams can be of up to 6 people – let us know if you need a team to join!

Our amazing summer event '**A Night at the Movies**' takes place on Saturday 12th July from 7.30pm to 1.00am. For one night only we will be evoking the golden age of cinema. Come along for a fantastic party and a chance to get your glad rags on. Tickets at £20 include a welcome drink, live music with local band Indigo Child, hog roast and other entertainment. It promises to be a fantastic night.

The **Deddington Village Fete** in support of Deddington School PTA takes place on the school field on Saturday 5th July. We will be running our usual 'Hook a Duck' stall in aid of the Nursery and PFSU. Come along and see us!

NURSERY NEWS

We would like to extend a welcome to those families who have joined us this term. Welcome to Charlotte, Alice, Harley, Keenan, Gracie, Nikita, and all their families.

There will be a '**move-up**' day for those children who are moving up to the PFSU in September to visit the PFSU. This will be on Tuesday 15th July at 1.40pm. Children will need to be taken to the PFSU by parents or carers, can be left for the afternoon and will have a chance to play and get to know the new environment of the PFSU. The normal Nursery session will run that afternoon for those children who are not involved in the 'move-up' day.

PFSU NEWS

This term our topic is 'Keeping fit and healthy'. Amongst many other activities we will be doing some healthy cooking, taking part in Sports Day, visiting the allotments, and of course preparing for the move to school. It promises to be a busy term!

There will be a chance for those children who are moving on to Deddington School to visit the F1 class on Tuesday 15th July at 1.30pm. The Nursery children who are moving to the PFSU will also visit us on this afternoon. We will take any children who are at the PFSU that afternoon through to the F1 class so that you do not need to collect them in the middle of the day. We would ask that you pick your children up directly from the

There will also be an opportunity for parents to informally visit the PFSU on either Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th July any time between 3.30pm and 4.30pm (with or without children). This will be a chance for you to see the children's new classroom and raise any questions and concerns with the staff. The PFSU is situated behind Deddington Primary School. Follow the path past the school reception and along the side of the school. If the security gate is shut please press the buzzer and we will let you in! We are the separate building beyond the main school building. Follow the path round to the far side of the building and come in through the first set of doors.

We have recently opened a Mud Kitchen at Nursery. It is now part of our continuous provision. The children are having a great time using this new facility but it does involve a little thought and preparation. Please send your child to Nursery wearing old clothes. Children will be wearing wet weather gear when using this area but if the weather gets hot a large, adult sized T shirt will be needed to ensure that children remain protected from mud but comfortable enough to play. A spare set of play clothes will still be necessary in case of the usual toilet accidents etc., but if your child is going on to somewhere special after Nursery we will always be happy to change them into their posh frocks before they leave us. We are still collecting resources for the Mud Kitchen. If you have old kitchen utensils; saucepans, spoons, bowls, interesting containers or old kitchen gadgets, please drop them off at Nursery. They will be gratefully received.

We always welcome visitors at Nursery. Parents/Carers are welcome to stay to play, read a story or lead an activity. Grandparents and other family members are also very welcome. We love to meet a family pet, or watch/ listen to a performance or look at interesting photographs, old toys and unusual artifacts.

F1 classroom doors at 3pm, as the visiting Nursery children will be collected from us at pre-school at the end of the afternoon. Children who are not moving up to Deddington School are of course welcome to stay with us as usual, and to help to show the younger children the ropes.

This term we will be having an outing to the Deddington allotments to support our current topic. We will be looking at the different fruit and vegetables growing there and maybe tasting some of them. This visit will take place on Friday 11th July between 9.30 and 11.30am and is open to everyone. Children not in session that day will need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult for the duration of the visit. We also hope to visit the Castle Grounds on Tuesday 17th June. In the event of prolonged rain these visits will not take place so please call us if in any doubt. We also hope to arrange a visit to the Fire Station during this term and will confirm the date as soon as we can.

During the term, in preparation for starting school, we will be practicing changing for PE; please provide a pair of elasticated- waist shorts, t-shirt and trainers for your child to keep in the PFSU. (*Please do not go to any expense*).

We will be singing a song in the First Sunday service in Deddington Church on Sunday 6th July. We hope as many children and families as possible will be able to join us on this morning.

THANK-YOU!

- A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Four Farms Challenge and especially those who ran in the soaring heat. It was a fantastic day and a brilliant fund-raiser. Well done to all the organisers and particularly our own Juliet Owens.
- Emma would like to pass on the following message; 'Thank you so much for your lovely send off and all the wonderful presents. I was overwhelmed with your kindness. It has been a pleasure working with your children – they are a credit to you all. Good luck with the forthcoming transition into school. I look forward to keeping in touch with you all'.
- Thank you to Elen Squires who recently donated and arranged plants for the Nursery entrance area as part of her Baden Powell Award. This area looks lovely and many parents have commented.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11th June – Nursery Open Day – 10am -12 noon, 12.30-2.30pm

Tuesday 17th June – 9.30am – PFSU visit to Deddington Castle Grounds

Sunday 22nd June – Gruffalo Treasure Hunt – starting from the Nursery between 11am and 12 noon.

Friday 27th June - 11.15am - PFSU and Nursery Sports Day on Deddington Primary School field, followed by a picnic in the PFSU garden.

Friday 27th June, 7.30pm – Quiz Night at Deddington British Legion Club

Saturday 5th July – Deddington School fete on the field

Sunday 6th July – PFSU singing in First Sunday service at Deddington Church.

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July - 3.30 to 4.30pm – PFSU open afternoons for new and prospective parents

Friday 11th July – 9.30-11.30am – PFSU visit to Deddington allotments

Saturday 12th July – Summer fund-raising event – ‘A night At the Movies’ – 7.30pm – 1am.

Tuesday 15th July -

1.30pm – 3.00pm – Move up day for PFSU children moving to Deddington Primary School

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Friday 18th July – Last day of summer term; we will close at 2.00 pm on this day.

Weeks beginning 21st and 28th July - Summer Holiday Club in the PFSU.

2014/15 Autumn Term starts Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

CONTACTS

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Any matters concerning places, sessions or payments please speak to Gina. Invoice payments not made by the due date will incur a £20 late payment fee. Please remember there is a late pick-up charge.

Don’t forget to look at our website:deddingtonnurseryandpfsu.co.uk
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