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# Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

## Newsletter – 11 June 2022

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**Letter of the week**....We are encouraging the children to bring items for show and tell that start with the letter of the week. This week the letter is **S**.

**DATES** for your diary...further details will follow regarding all the dates below:

- **Friday 24 June** – Sports Day.
- **Wednesday 20 July** – Graduation Day for those leaving us to go onto school in September.
- **Thursday 21 July** – Last day of the term – we will be closing after lunch.



If you have ordered one of the gorgeous **Father's day mugs** we are pleased to tell you they have arrived!! Pre-school staff will be handing these to you when you collect your child next week. If for any reason you do not receive yours, please do ask the staff on the gate and they will bring it out to you.

**Class of 2021/2022 Tea Towels** – the children are working on their portraits for the class of 2021/2022 tea towels. An email will follow later this week with all the details on how you can order yours AND raise some money for the pre-school in the process.



We also have Natural Tea Towels available at no extra cost.



A polite reminder that the pre-school is now **cashless**\*!! Pre-school staff will no longer accept cash or cheques at the gate. Bank transfers continue to be our preferred method of payment for uniform, donations and fees. If you need the pre-school bank details, please do get in touch.

\*cash will still be accepted for our fundraising initiatives.



Please send your child to pre-school with a sunhat and remember to apply **sun lotion** before they attend pre-school on sunny days.



Have a look through the **pink lost property** box in case your child has any items you may not realise are lost 😊

Over the half term break our five **caterpillars** woke up from their sleepy chrysalides as beautiful butterflies and were released on a beautiful sunny day into a flowery garden in Theydon....



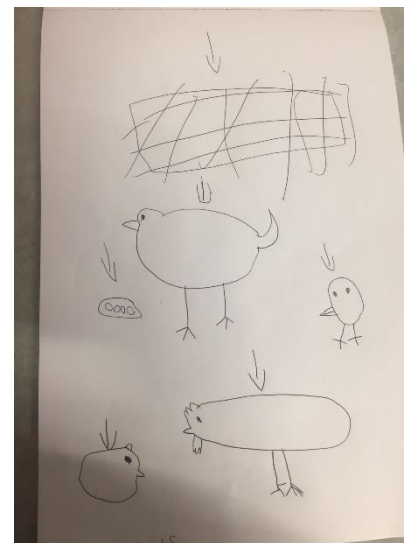
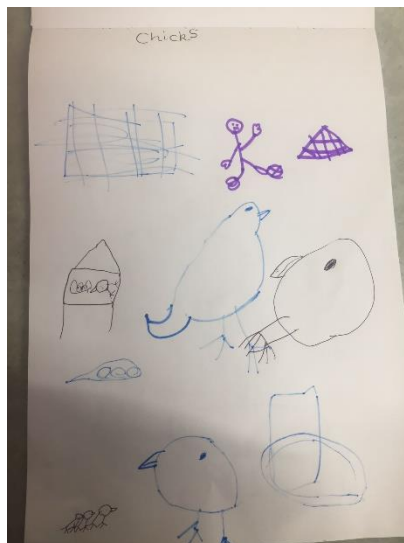
*Click on photo 3 to watch our last butterfly spread its wings and fly away!*

Our **chicks** returned to their home on the farm at the end of half term, but not before the children had a chance to handle them. Thank you for supporting this experience and thank you to Alison for taking care of our chicks on the weekend. We have all learnt so much and enjoyed watching the life cycle of the chicks.

We were excited to find out that Lucy still had her butterflies at home, and she brought them in to share their release with her friends and staff members.



Amazing artwork by **Harper!**





We wrapped up our **Bumble Bee** activities this week with bee's wax candle making!!

Thank you to Loughton Honey for generously donating the bees wax sheets. If you would like to have a go at making these at home, please click [here](#)

**The Queen's Jubilee....**On our final day before half term the children celebrated the Jubilee by making a royal tea fit for a queen!!



Our Queen's castle by **Harper!**

**Topic Work...Under the Sea...**the children have worked hard on creating gorgeous mosaic fish and twinkly jelly fish!!





**PARENTS** – we need **YOUR HELP**.....In a bid to be environmentally friendly and economic we have cut back on the amount of kitchen roll we are using (as you can imagine with 25 children a day we use A LOT!) We are now using tea towels to dry outdoor equipment, dishes etc. At the end of each day, we are left with a pile of wet tea towels which we need **YOUR HELP** to take home, wash and return. We are proposing a volunteer rota system for this and would love to **HEAR** from our parents who can help us!

If anyone has an old (but fully working) washing machine that they would like to donate to the pre-school, please do let us know as we would be very grateful.

As part of our transition process into primary school we invite the reception teachers at the schools our children will be going to into the pre-school to meet the children and say hello. On Friday morning we welcomed the reception teachers from Theydon Bois Primary School, and we look forward to visits from other schools over the next few weeks. If you have any questions or concerns about your child leaving for primary school, please do speak to us.



## Fundraising for our pre-school

As a charity run pre-school we rely heavily on donations and fundraising all of which is put back into the pre-school and help pay towards our activities, supplies, equipment and training for our staff.

If you would like to get involved, we are always looking for volunteers to help us fundraise - this may be to help on the day of an event, simply to put forward a great idea or you may wish to join the Committee and make some friends along the way! If this, is you, please contact our [Chairpersons](#).

Here are some ways you can help us to raise money **FOR FREE!!!**

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