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Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

Newsletter – 20 June 2022

IMPORTANT DATES for your diary...further emails will follow regarding all the dates below:

- **Friday 24 June** – Sports Day
- **Sunday 10 July** – Donkey Derby – volunteers needed on the rota.
- **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.



Our Annual Parent Survey was emailed to parents on Friday 17 June. We encourage all our parents/carers to complete the feedback questionnaire as this is a crucial way for us hear your views and suggestions and to make our pre-school the best it can be for the future.

If for any reason you haven't received the link, I have pasted it here for you:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EMOYNX/>

With the warmer weather now upon us please could you send your child in with a clearly labelled water bottle. We offer water throughout the day but hope that by the children having their own water bottle in pre-school this will encourage them to drink more and save on plastic cup usage.

If you have any unused disposable plastic cups hanging around the house, left over from a party etc we would welcome them here at pre-school.



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. Please can you email tbpsoffice@gmail.com or speak to the Managers on the gate if you feel you are able to 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.





Borrow a Book!!



Theydon Bois Pre School acknowledges the importance of books and reading to children from an early age. The 'Book Trust' states that spending 10 minutes a day reading to your child helps them develop social and emotional skills and become confident, happy learners.

Before the lockdown of 2020 we introduced our Borrow a Book scheme to promote the importance of reading to your child and the benefits it has for both of you. It is with great pleasure that we have now been able to bring back our initiative!

What are you waiting for... please visit our mini library outside the doors and get involved today!

What's do you do next?

- Look through the book basket with your child and allow them to choose a book they most like.
- If you would like to familiarise yourself with the books story flip it over and read/talk to your child about the book they have chosen.
- Once your child has selected their book then please take a review form too. This form is for you and your child to complete once you have read the book together.
- Please get your child to mark one of the faces on the review form after you have read the story together as this will tell us if they enjoyed the story or not. Additionally, we would love you to speak to your child about the story and tell us in a few words what your child says. If your child wishes they may use the back of the review form to draw a picture of their favourite character in the book 😊
- Please return all borrowed books and completed review forms when you have finished with the book (there is a basket for returned book).
- We will use the review form to generate a conversation with your child at group time.

We would like to thank you for supporting our idea and welcome any feedback from you.

Chris, Tammy & Staff

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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