

# Middle Barton Pre-School Newsletter

## Term 6



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6! We hope you had a wonderful half term.

Last term the children really enjoyed watching the caterpillars turn into butterflies. They also enjoyed planting all the vegetables that are growing well and we look forward to sampling them in due course. The children enjoyed making bunting, crowns and wooden commemorative signs which they took home to celebrate The King's Coronation. Our scarecrow came 1st in the village competition so well done Pre-School children for making him! Our prize of £50 will be put towards buying more natural resources. The children also did some wonderful dancing round the Maypole, it was great fun! We are very lucky to make use of our gate into the school field. The children also enjoyed exploring the school's Forest School area looking for bugs.

We were very lucky to go and visits Keryl's lambs and goats. The children had an amazing time! Thank you Keryl for inviting us! The children had an opportunity to feed the goats too, they were very greedy! Thank you Gill for coming to help us, it was lovely to have you back for the afternoon.



At the end of last term we learnt about road safety and the importance of this. We learnt 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think!' We made a road and zebra crossing in the garden and our new village Lollipop Lady came to meet the children so that we could practice how to cross safely with her on our pretend road. At the beginning of next term it is Child Safety week so we will be revisiting road safety and also looking at dangers inside and outside the home.

Our themes this term will include Farm Animals, Father's Day, Seaside, Holidays and Travel around the World. We will continue to send out weekly emails with further details of what is going to happen at Pre-School the following week and what the book of the week will be! We hope you've been enjoying our updates?

The children who are going to school this September will be making visits to their new classroom this term. I know they are very excited about this. We have already started talking to them about school, about what will happen and are reading stories about going to school to help with a smooth transition into Primary School. We have set up a photo album of key things the children will see and

do at Middle Barton Primary school, this will include photos of their new teacher. You will have the chance to take this home to look through and discuss with your child. I hope you enjoy it!!

Thursday 15th June – **Ian Taylor photographer** will be coming to take a group photograph of the children going to school in September. It would be lovely if all children leaving could be included. Therefore, if your child is not at Pre-school on a Thursday morning, we would be grateful if you would bring them in at 9.30 for the photograph.

We would like to thank you all for making such wonderful use of the lending library when you come into Pre-School. It is so lovely to see so many parents reading books with their children. This is so important for children's communication and language development. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I am hoping to source a book bag, with our logo on, for each child from September. What this space for more details!

Staff news: we are very excited that Wendy has started her Level 3 Qualification in childcare. This will be an 18 month course and we wish her all the best with it. It is online so don't worry, she will still be in Pre-School!! 😊

Next week we will be sending out parent questionnaires - please take the time to complete these and add any comments at the bottom. These are really useful to us to help Pre-School develop further and for our personal development. Comments and results will be shared in our AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> June. This year we are introducing 'Child Voice', where every long term we will be asking the children their views and experiences of Pre-School. They will be able to draw pictures and discuss likes and dislikes with their key person. So watch this space to see what the children think! We think it is so important to listen to their views and see if there is anything they don't like and address these. (where possible..)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 for 8pm – **Pre-school AGM** – Come and find out what has been happening at Pre-school and what the funds have been spent on. We will be giving feedback for the last year, discussing the annual parent's questionnaire and electing a new committee. We are a charity run Pre-school and we need a Committee to be able to open. So please come and along support your Pre-School and maybe join our friendly committee!

The staff look forward to welcoming you all back next week, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Term 6 ends on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.15pm (This is in-line with the primary school finish time).

Many thanks,

The Middle Barton Pre-School Team

Sally, Keryl, Rachel and Wendy

**Safeguarding Children-What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:**

Immediate danger- if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

Immediate concern- if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

Report child abuse/ Oxfordshire County Council