



Term 6 - Summer 2017



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back for our final term of this academic year, we have a busy and fun 7 weeks planned.

Harwell Feast Float - A big 'thank you' to everyone who helped with Harwell Feast this year, we are over the moon with our FIRST PLACE award this year. We won £50 which is fantastic and we will let you know what we buy with it.

Curriculum

Our theme this term will be **Journeys – Near and Far** and this will address various areas within our pre-school curriculum during this term. Don't forget to look at the Planning Web in the lobby and on our website <http://www.littlepippins.org.uk/>.

There will be a larger focus this term on Understanding the World as we explore some scientific and geographical concepts. Each term there is a core selection of story and information books chosen primarily for pleasure but also to support the ideas we are trying to develop in all areas of the revised EYFS curriculum. There is a list below of this term's books in case you want to follow these up with trips to the library.

Week 1/2 – Introduction to our theme. We will be talking about various types of transport and in particular road safety. The home corner will become a bus, with maps, tickets and money. We also hope to have a visit from our local Police Officer to talk about road safety. We will be baking traffic light biscuits. (P, M, UW, L&C)

Week 3/4 – The seaside and The Light House Keepers lunch. Looking at push and pull, retelling the story. We will also look at boats, float and sink. They will also form the basis for experimenting with the concepts of floating and sinking and displacing water (UW). The children will be experimenting with ice boats and making Treasure maps for the garden. Creating treasure maps to hunt for treasure around the garden. (C, C&L, L & UW).

Week 5/6 - We will use both story and information books to look at planets and space travel. The story this week will be Whatever Next and the children will use this as a basis for thinking about alternative story endings! We will discuss ideas and gather props for a roleplay space ship and start to create a Whatever Next display! The children will also be able to bake cheesy star biscuits. (P, L, C&L, M)

Week 7 – This week the children will plan their own resources. It will be a fun last week. Wednesday is our visit to Beale Park and Thursday pm our leavers ceremony- more information about these will follow soon. Thursday is also the last day of term.

Reminders

Just a little reminder that we are NUT FREE and promote healthy eating at snack time in lunch boxes

Please remember to name all clothes, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Parental help - Please sign up and come in when you can (see the sheet on the whiteboard by the entrance).

Don't forget to look online at Tapestry to view your child's learning journal. You can also add comments and any home achievements such as getting dressed or riding a bike.

Footwear

It is really important that children wear the correct footwear. In order for the children to safely access climbing resources – particularly our A-frame and tree climbing that requires a good foot grip – children need to wear reasonably robust shoes that stay on whilst climbing. No flip-flops and socks with sandals.

Sun Cream

Don't forget your contribution of £2 towards sun cream this term.

Fees

Prompt payment of any outstanding fees would be very much appreciated.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th June – start of term

Friday 30th June – Walk to Harwell Church (AM)

Monday 3rd July – Transition day for children starting Harwell School (Stay and Play for children starting Little Pippins in September)

Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July 2016 – Sports Challenge Week

Friday 14th July – Visit from A Bee Keeper (AM)

Wednesday 19th July – whole Pre-school outing to Beale Park (parent/carer to accompany their child and no normal pre-school sessions that day)

Thursday 20th July – 2pm Leavers Ceremony (no afternoon session for non-leavers)

Thursday 20th July – last day of term

Tuesday 5th September – first day of autumn term

Sports Challenge Week

Every day the children get the opportunity to try a different activity and receive a sticker on their Sports Challenge Card. At the end of the week the children will receive a certificate. Parents are welcome to come in at any point during the week and help with the challenges.

Fundraising

Little Pippins relies on the support of parents for raising our profile, fundraising and being involved in the committee. We understand that everyone is busy but sparing an hour to help on a stall or even run a cake sale after a session at Pippins would be fantastic. Please let me us know if you are able to help.

Snacks

We appreciate your contributions for snack. Fresh fruit and vegetables are always very popular, cheese and savoury snacks such as crackers or breads sticks. These are shared with all the children so they have a variety to choose from.

Junk Modelling

We are low on boxes again so would love any clean, nut free boxes or tubs you may have. We are also planning lots of letter writing so any envelopes you don't want will be much appreciated.

Also for weaving: • Ribbons • Gift wrap ribbon • Feathers • Thick wool • Strips of brightly coloured fabric.

Amy & Team

Curriculum Key: C&L: Communication and Language, PSE: Personal, Social and Emotional, P: Physical, L: Literacy, M: Mathematics, UW: Understanding the World C: Expressive Arts and Design