

Healthy Tots Status

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Healthy Tots status by our local authority. Our accreditation report states that we are "a good example of a Healthy Tots setting" and that we have "committed staff who work hard to ensure the setting is a healthy place for children to be."



If you have not yet done so, please take a look at our Healthy Tots notice board in the hall for info on healthy eating and keeping active.

Pre-School Fun Day

Please join us for our Pre-School Fun day on Friday 1st July 3.30pm - 6.00pm. There will be lots of different stalls and games, a BBQ, cakes, face painting and a bouncy castle. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and funds raised will go towards paying for our new outside store and bathroom area, so please come along and support us!

Cars, Trains and Pirates

We have had a really busy term with car, train and pirate weeks - all topics suggested by the children themselves. Children were very creative in car week; box modelling different shaped cars and printing cars onto paper. Train week meant a very exciting train trip to Bingham and back for some of our older children. Pirate week inspired some children so much that some of them are still pirates! All the children especially enjoyed walking the plank that week - some of them wearing hooks and pirate hats they had made themselves.

Pirate week sparked discussions about the sea and so we followed the children's interests with an 'Under the Sea' theme. Our home corner became a yellow submarine and we had fish and chips at our snack bar. The shark action song was a great hit at circle time with children squealing in delight as the shark approached them! Some children even went fishing in Bottesford's ford and although no fish were caught they enjoyed splashing in the water with their nets, looking at the reflections, and watching ducks swim by.

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"Delicious fishcakes can we have more?"

Children made fishcakes as part of our 'Under the Sea' theme and they were a great success! Copies of the recipe are now available on our Healthy Tots notice board - why not try them at home.

New Gardening Equipment

Thank you very much for all the Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers that you brought in. We have just received our free gardening goodies, including a water butt, hose and lots of gardening tools.

Mrs McCartan (our gardening expert!) is already talking with the children about what we should grow.

**We are now collecting
Sainsbury's
Active Kids vouchers.**

Committee News

Committee A.G.M to be held in November - Bottesford Pre-School is a registered charity run by a voluntary management committee made up of parents and staff. Meeting once a month during term time, the Committee is responsible for many aspects of running Pre-School from managing the accounts to fundraising.

We usually elect a new Committee in May but this year we are holding the A.G.M. in November to allow new parents a chance to settle in and get to know us. All parents are welcome to join the Committee, and we would especially love to have some Dads join. Why not come along to our Open Morning on Tuesday 12th July and talk to some of our existing Committee members.

Planning our new bathroom area - We are currently reviewing proposals for the refurbishment of our bathroom area. As soon as a final design is selected we will put it up in the hall for you to view. All works will be carried out in the holidays and we aim for it to be ready for the start of the autumn term in September.

NEW outside storage - We are awaiting planning permission for new outside storage to replace the temporary container we currently use for the outside play equipment. The plan is for this building to be ready before the end of the summer term.

Fundraising initiatives like the Fun Day, Plant Swap and Easy Fundraising enable us to fund projects such as the new bathroom area and outside store. Thank you for your continued support.

Sun Cream Procedures

In anticipation of sunny days ahead, here are our procedures for keeping children safe in the sun as per our Sun Cream policy.

- Please apply sun cream to your child **before** they come to Pre-School for their morning or afternoon session. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child has had sun cream applied before they come in.
- Only children staying all day will have Pre-School sun cream reapplied at lunch time by staff. We use Nivea Children's Sun Lotion SPF 40 unless you request your child has their own sun cream.
- If your child requires their own sun cream please bring in a bottle, clearly labelled with your child's name, and give it to your child's key person or another member of staff. **We ask that no bottles of sun cream are brought in and left in children's bags as they present a health risk to other children with allergies.**

We ensure that all the children wear sun hats when playing outside on sunny days and we have a large stock of sun hats in case they forget their own. Please help us to make sure your child brings home their own sun hat by labelling it clearly with their name.

Dates for your diary



Scarecrow Weekend

Saturday 11th June 10-2

Stop off at Pre-School for refreshments as you hunt for scarecrows around the village.

Your cake donations gladly received at Pre-School on Friday 10th June.

Pre-School Fun Day

Friday 1st July 3.30-6.00

Join us for our annual fun day in Pre-School's garden.

Sundown Outing

Monday 11th July 11-5

Our annual outing for children going to school in September. Further info will be handed out to parents in early July. **Our usual sessions will not run as Pre-School will be closed.**

Open Morning

Tuesday 12th July 10-12

New and existing parents can come to look round and chat to staff and committee members.

Our Healthy Eating Co-ordinator Sue Booth will be there with ideas for lunch boxes as well as info on portion sizes.

End of Summer Term

Friday 15th July

Start of Autumn Term

Monday 1st September

Plant Swap

We will shortly be setting up a fundraising plant swap just outside the gate. You are welcome to bring in your plants and swap them or buy the plants on offer - there will be an honesty box for payments.

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