



We have organised an evening with Sophie Adams on Thursday 23rd June to see how we can all prepare our children for moving to school. This meeting is important for all parents and childcarers as you can never start preparing children for their next stage of learning too early. It's being held at the Baptist Church in Potton at 8pm and should be all finished by 9pm. Please fill in your form so we can know the numbers that are attending.

Our Tadpoles

We have been looking after the tadpoles giving them lots of cooked lettuce to keep them growing and providing some stones to help them climb out of the water when they get legs.

This week we noticed that a couple of them have back legs- see the picture at the top. They have yet to grow some front legs and shorten their tails.

On Sunday 2 of our tadpoles became frogs. So we sorted out a container to bring them into Preschool. We'll be releasing them later.

Standalone farm trip

The trip is taking place on the 19th July. We are meeting at Standalone farm in the car park at 10 am and will be finishing at 2pm, please meet us in the car park then.

If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, they are more than welcome to attend with you for £3 entry fee. If you would like your child to come for the session then the morning session will be £16 plus the £3 entry fee= £19.

Packed throwaway lunch will need to be provided by all parents.

Suncream should be applied prior to arriving, sunhats and raincoats will also be needed. Forms coming our soon.

Carnival

The carnival is taking place on the 27th August, any children that would like to ride on the float must have an adult with them and the disclaimer form must be signed. Last year we cam 3rd.

Our theme is 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party'. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be making pieces for the float. We will be mking tweedle dum and tweedle dee, flowers, playing cards and some bunting. Children can dress up to ride on the float as can the adults- all the staff are dressing up.

The carnival starts at 12, Judging of the float is at 11.30 am, we will be decoratingthe float from 9.30 am and would love lots of helpers.

Dates

22nd June- Judith coming from Asda

23rd June- preparing for school evening

24th June- Jackie and karen Risk assesment visit to farm

24th June- Jackie invited to the MADD at Potton Lower

29th June- Parents evening at Potton Lower school starters

1st July- shuffle up day for school starters

6th July- Firemen visiting with fire engine at 9.30.

6th July- RSPB visiting doing a session

13th July- Sports day and picnic

19th July Standalone farm trip

22nd July- Summer party 11 to 1pm

Fathers Day

The children really enjoyed having their daddies/ grandads and special adults coming in to play with them on Friday. Some children brought their daddies in as a extra visit.

We had Bacon and Sausage rolls donated by Claytons Butchers in the town. There were delicious. The children had a chance to make a hand print card, some flowers in a pot and then we went out and played football in the true spirit of EURO 16.

The children also worked hard at decorating glasses for their important adult and talked about what they were doing and how they would share the sweets inside the glass.

Summer Party

Our last day of preschool is the 22nd July. We will be having a party from 11 am to 1 pm, so there will be no normal session.

All children are invited to attend. Parents will be given plates for the savoury to bring. Staff and children will be making the puddings for the party.

The staff are going to be planning a fun filled party with lots of activities to send the children off on the holidays with a good feeling about preschool.

We will be sending our older children off to school with a little surprise as well.

Woodentops website and facebook

Our website is www.woodentops-potton.com and Jackie tries to put up a blog every week or so, about what the children have been doing in the setting. She makes sure that no children's names are included and that any photos taken do not have children in them. Children's permission is always asked before pictures are taken of their artwork, construction or models.

<https://www.facebook.com/Woodentops-Preschool-495593883909021/> this our Facebook page. We try to put photos and information up on it too, again with no reference to children's names or photos of them.

The 'shuffle up' day at Potton Lower is the 1st July, your session will be morning or afternnon. Plus the date for the new intake parents evening at Potton Lower is 29th June, 7pm where they will do a presentation about starting school. You'll be able to see the children's classroom, talk to the teachers and teaching assistants an meet other parents too. It's a very informative evening. Sue H and jackie are also attending.

Sports day

13th July from 11.15, followed by a picnic. Please bring a picnic balnket and a picnic to share with your child. We'll provide drinks and icepops. Simon from Triumph Wellbeing will be putting the children through their paces.

SUNHATS & SUNCREAM
With the glorious sunshine around we do need to ensure the children will have adequate sun protection. Please send in a sun hat with your child's name on. We do have 'La Roche-Posay 50+spf' suncream at woodentops for the children.

Injuries/Accidents
Any bumps, bruises or accidents that happen to the children at home, do tell us. We have to record them to ensure we keep the children safe.
Any accidents/incidents that happen at preschool will be recorded and will need to be signed when the child is nicked up