



Welcome back to the Summer term.

We have lots of exciting things happening this term. Visits to schools, Tesco's and we're planning a trip out too- details to follow.

### School Visits

Lunches on school visits- we ask that you provide a 'throw away' packed lunch so that we have less items to transport up to school.

We have a visit booked for Wrestlingworth school on 29th April. The school have specifically asked that we join them at 1.30 and have requested that all the children are picked up at 3pm. If parents could be as prompt as possible both Woodentops and the school would appreciate this.

We're also visiting Sutton Lower School on 20th May 1.10 til 3.20

### Themes for this term

This term we are following the theme of seasons, and will be doing activities based around growth, so incorporating the farm to fork visit with Tesco's, the summer and holidays. We will also be doing activities based around St Georges Day; 23rd April and also Fathers day on 21st June so therefore we would like to invite fathers during the week beginning 15th June, date to be confirmed.

We are looking forward to growing some plants including potatoes and flowers.

### Open Days

We are holding two Open days during the summer term for prospective parents who may be considering sending their child to preschool. Please share these dates with anyone that may be interested in sending their child to Woodentops.

Dates 14th May  
11th June  
From 9.30 til 2.30

Parents may also come in and see what the children do in a session.

### Important Dates

14/4/15- First day of the summer term

15/4/15- Visit to tesco's, Sandy. Farm to Fork session.

23/4/15- Visit from Central Beds Childcare Development Officer Elke Rockey

29/4/15- Visit to Wrestlingworth school

4/5/15- May Day Bank holiday

5/5/15-15/5/15- Three school students from Stratton Upper will be doing work experience, Harry, Jenny and Taniya

20/5/15- Sutton Lower visit

25/5/15-29/5/15- Half Term

3/6/15- Visit to Potton Lower School for lunch as well as the usual session.

17/7/15-End of term.

### Keeping you up to date

We keep up to date information on the Website - [www.woodentopspotton.com](http://www.woodentopspotton.com) and use our blog to talk about things of interest and happenings at preschool.

We also have a Facebook page to share pictures of the what the children have been making.

We are really careful at making sure no pictures of the children are put on the internet.

We also have the teachers to parents texting service.

### Last term

We celebrated:-

St Davids Day by looking at the story of St David, the costumes and traditions and doing pictures of Dragons;

St Patricks Day and found out about our names in Irish and had a parent come in to talk about Ireland and their traditions;

Easter with lots of painting and matching games; and

Learning about the partial eclipse and making pictures related to it.

### Your help

If you have any suggestions or ideas please do tell us.

We run the preschool for the children and their parents and if you can think of a way to make it better for the children please let us know.

You can do this in many ways, via email us at [woodentopspotton@gmail.com](mailto:woodentopspotton@gmail.com), [noakestj5@aol.com](mailto:noakestj5@aol.com), or via facebook-message us, in person to staff or even noting suggestions on post it notes.

Questionnaires will be coming out later this term.

### **School acceptance dates**

**16th April is when you will hear whether your child has got a place at their chosen school by email. The decision letters will be posted this day too.**

**Those that may have applied after the original deadline (15/1/15) will have their decision letters posted on 8th June 2015.**

### **Show and Tell**

**We would love it if the children could bring in something from home that they want to share with everyone at preschool. It's a great way for encouraging them to speak out and share their ideas and another way of preparing them for school.**

End of the Summer term  
We will be celebrating with the older children leaving us to go to school on the 15th July with an afternoon tea. On the 17th July we will also be having a leaving party for all the children so the younger ones can say goodbye to their friends.

### **Invoices**

**I intend to email the invoices out as well as giving you hard copies this month.**

**Jackie**