



Welcome to the March Newsletter. Just to remind you all we only have 4 weeks of term left before the Easter Holidays and we have rather a lot of fun to fit in this half term. So please bear with us as it will be a little busy.

We have a Poem competition where we could win £1000 for the preschool. The children will be able to fill in a 'poem' of things they like and hopefully will get it published.

## School visits

This term we are visiting Wrestlingworth School, Sutton school and Potton Lower school.

11/3/15-Potton Lower school- are expecting us at 1.10pm and children can go home from 3pm onwards. Please meet us by reception class fire door.

25/3/15-Wrestlingworth are expecting us at 1.30pm till 3.15pm, please meet us at the lower school for the handover.

20/5/15-Sutton School visit 1.10 til 3.20

## Early Years Pupil Premium

Jackie went to a meeting at St Andrews Lower school on the 26th Feb to find out about the Governments new proposal for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). This is due to start from April 2015 and is a way of giving settings more money for children who come from less well off backgrounds. The government have decided on quite strict guidelines and is the reason behind the parents DOB and NI number request on the funding forms. So ensuring these children entitled to the funding have it allocated to their Early Years setting. Settings have to provide evidence of what they have spent the funding on- it's about £300 per child entitled to it.

## Consultation Week

In order for parents to discuss their child's progress with their keyworker we thought we would offer 10 minute meetings with your keyworker. The week we have set aside is the week beginning 16/3/15. We would like parents/carers to make an appointment with their child's key person.

Karen is in Mon, Wed and Thurs

Sue H is in Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday

Michelle is in Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs

Danielle is in Tues and Fri

Kathryn is in Mon and Friday.

Mandy is in Daily

Shannon is in daily

## Important Dates

23rd February to the 30th March- Spring term.

28/2/15- staff meeting

1st to 6th/3/15-World Book week.

11/3/15- Potton Lower school visit

12/3/15-Mothers day lunch

12/3/15-Jackie attending

football club meeting

25/3/15-Wrestlingworth lower school visit

28/3/15 last day of term

28/3/15-Staff meeting

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

29/4/15- visit to

Wrestlingworth school

4/5/15- May Day Bank holiday

5/5/15-15/5/15- 3 school

students from Stratton Upper doing work experience, Harry,

Jenny and Taniya

13/5/15- visit to Potton lower and staying for lunch.

25/5/15-29/5/15- half term

17/7/15-End of term.

### Visitors to Woodentops

We have contacted Woodgreen animal shelter and Asda with a view to them visiting us in the next term. Woodgreen talk about animals and pets. Asda will bring in some food for us to taste and touch. We are also hoping Neil from Lambtastic will be bringing some lambs in sometime in April.

Tesco's also do a tour round their store in Sandy so we are waiting to confirm a date with them.

Andy from Premier sports is continuing to come in on Wednesday mornings to do Ball skills with the children.

We also a policemen and postlady visiting us as well.

### Keeping you all informed

We keep up to date information on the Website- [www.woodentops-potton.com](http://www.woodentops-potton.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.

Now would you like a woodentops Parents page on Facebook where it is a private/closed group and only parents/staff are able to access it?

We would welcome your views on this matter- please let Jackie, Karen or Sue H know what you think.

### Themes for this term

Our over-riding theme this half term is Spring and what is happening to outside in the environment.

Book week- dressing up as a character from a favourite book- The children have excelled at this.

Next week (9/3/15) we'll be doing activities related to Mothering Sunday.

Week beginning 16/3/15 we'll be celebrating St Patricks day.

The last week of the term will be Easter activities in preparation for the Easter bunny's arrival.

### 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. Another way of preparing them for school.**

### Open Days

We will be holding 3 Open days during the summer term for prospective parents who are considering sending their child to preschool.

Dates to be arranged.

### Suggestions

**If you have any suggestions or ideas please do tell us. We really appreciate your feedback as we want the preschool to be 'ours'.**

### 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.**