



Honey Pot Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you are enjoying the summer term. At this time of year children often take off their coats and jumpers as the day gets warmer. Please make sure all your child's clothing is marked with his or her name so we can ensure any lost property is returned to its owner. Thank you!

Volunteer needed:

Thank you to all those who have been collecting Tesco vouchers for us. We still need a volunteer to count these so that we can exchange them for some new equipment. If you can spare an hour to help us do this, please speak to a member of staff.

Parent's evening:

Parent's evening for all **children starting school in September** will be held on Thursday 20 May at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to meet with your child's key worker and to ask any questions you may have about starting school. We hope you will be able to join us.

Our topics:

This term, our topics will include; people who help us, road/personal safety and transport.

If you have any ideas or things you would like to share with us from home, please speak to a member of staff.

Sickness policy:

May we remind parents of our policy that any child who has been suffering with sickness and/or diarrhoea should be kept at home for **48 hours after the last bout**. This is to limit the spread of unpleasant germs! We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Packed lunches:

This is advanced warning that after half term, children starting school in September will be asked to bring in a packed lunch. This will apply to children attending **afternoon sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only**. The aim of this is to help prepare your child for school; more information will be provided nearer the time.

Introducing Gemma Thomas:

Hello.

My name is Gemma Thomas and I'm the Chair of the Honeypot committee. I was elected at the AGM in November 2009. It has been a busy six months for me and the committee; we work very hard behind the scenes on a daily basis. It is all voluntary work and at times it can be difficult juggling Honeypot with home life! My background has been invaluable for doing this role however new challenges arise and I'm learning all the time. It makes it all worth while when I see how much the children enjoy their pre-school and the smiles on their faces after each session.

I trained as a primary school teacher at Derby University for four years and specialised in Early Years education. I taught in Stamford, Peterborough and London before I hung up my hat to be a full time mum. For me teaching is a vocation and it was a joy being in the classroom and sharing learning experiences with the children. I have to say I have found it a harder job being a full time mum!



If you are interested in joining the Honeypot Management Committee, please let us know.

Email play-leader@honeypots.org.uk

Thank you ☺

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Funding forms:

From September 2010, Cambridgeshire County Council will be changing the way in which you will apply for funding for your child following the term in which they turn three. This is advanced warning that, in signing your funding form, **you will be committing to the sessions requested for a whole term** rather than half a term as has previously been the case. Please therefore be advised that **you will not be able to make changes to your child's sessions once the term has started.** We hope this information will help you to plan your child's sessions for next term more effectively.